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**LEFT:**  
Bridgend's Aled Davies is to be immortalised on a stamp following his Paralympic gold.

**BRIDGEND'S** Aled Sion Davies became an instant national hero last Sunday (September 2) as he struck gold in the final of the discus F42 at the Olympic Stadium in London.

It was the 21-year-old's second medal of the games, after he took bronze in the F42/F44 shot last Friday (August 31), and he will now be immortalised on his own Royal Mail golden stamp, as well as earning Bridgend their own golden post box to mark his achievement.

On top of that, his bronze attempt was a European record 46.14m.  
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### Medication is stolen from car

**POLICE** are appealing for information following the theft of medication from a car at Celtic View, Litchard.

It included:

- Cyclimorph (painkiller).
- Diclofenac (anti-inflammatory).
- Hydrocortisone (topical steroid).
- Metoclopramide (anti-nauseant).
- Syntometrine injection (used during childbirth).
- Prochlorperazine (vertigo treatment).

The items were taken from the boot of a Volkswagen Golf sometime between 11.30pm on Wednesday, August 29 and 7am on Thursday, August 30.

Officers are reminding members of the public that the drugs can be harmful if taken without a prescription.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Bridgend police on 101, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

## Jail for the farmer who wrecked cyclist's Paralympic dream

A DRUNKEN farmer who collided with a multi-medal Paralympian cyclist, training for the London Games, has been jailed for 18 months at Cardiff Crown Court.

After the incident on Crack Hill on the A48 near Bridgend, 60-year-old Edward Adams left the scene, returning to his home at Cross Farm, Pentre Meurig and parked his vehicle in a field, hoping police would not spot it.

Adams, who was also banned from driving for five years, had been found guilty at Newport Crown Court of dangerous driving.

He had admitted failing to stop after an accident and driving with excess alcohol.

When he was sentenced at Cardiff Crown Court last week, Judge Daniel Williams praised the "quiet dignity" of double gold medallist, cyclist Simon Richardson of Porthcawl, who suffered seven fractures and a punctured bowel after being thrown 26 metres.

Mr Richardson was training when Adams drove into the back of his bike in his Peugeot van in August last year.

The court heard that Adams had bad eyesight. He left the scene after Mr Richardson suffered injuries which required surgery and could leave him paralysed.

When Adams got home, he poured himself a glass of whiskey.

He claimed that he was blinded by sunlight and suffered a bout of sneezing before the crash. He also said at his trial that he thought he had hit a sheep.

Said the Judge: "When you got behind the wheel of your van on August 17 last year at 8.45am, you were drunk. Two-and-a-half hours later, you were over twice the legal alcohol limit."

He said he then drove five miles to obtain oil and returned along the A48, a long, straight road. Going east was Mr Richardson on his bike, training for the London Paralympics. He was wearing bright coloured clothing and visibility was ideal.

But Adams didn't see him, and drove straight into the back of the cycle, throwing the rider forward.

Another motorist indicated that Adams should stop. He then claimed he had been blinded by sunlight and was distracted by sneezing, but these assertions were untrue, said the Judge.

The Judge said his reaction to the action was telling. He stopped for a short time before leaving the scene, knowing he had caused the accident and had driven into Mr Richardson.

The Judge said that when the police arrived at his farm, he was drinking a glass of whisky and even denied driving the van that morning.

by AJ SICLUNA



ABOVE: Simon Richardson.

The Judge said that Mr Richardson's reaction to what happened was nothing less than humbling.

"His reaction was to face the consequences, which you have failed to do."

The court heard that in Beijing, Mr Richardson had won two golds and a silver medal. After the case, outside court, he

said: "At times it's hard to cope with it."

Mr Richardson had lit the cauldron in Cardiff at this year's Paralympics, and been awarded the MBE.

He said his main aim now was to focus on the future and the next Paralympics in Rio.

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### Gavel Valuers & Auctioneers

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# Charity asks knitters to help keep borough's homeless dogs warm

DOGS TRUST, which has a rehoming centre in Bridgend, is urging people to help 'Keep Canines Cosy' this Christmas, by knitting a doggy jumper for the dogs of homeless people.

The jumpers will be added to the canine hampers that the charity distributes as part of its Hope Project each year. The hampers include bowls, tinned food, leads, collars and toys.

The charity set up the unique Hope Project in 1994 and offers free and subsidised veterinary treatment to dogs whose owners are homeless or living in temporary accommodation.

Non-knitters can also help contribute to the jumpers by buying toys and treat stockings for the homeless dogs from: [www.whatidlove.co.uk](http://www.whatidlove.co.uk). Select the item you would like to buy and type in Hope Project, Dogs Trust, 17 Wakley Street, London EC1V 7RQ as the delivery address.

Clare Kivlehan, Dogs Trust Hope Project manager, explains: "The bond between any dog and owner is a strong one, but for homeless people their dog can be their only friend."

"Each year, we're delighted to be able to distribute these jumpers to homeless hounds to help make Christmas happier for them and their owners. We hope that we will be able to make the festive season a little brighter with the addition of some cosy dog jumpers and fun toys."

#### Doggy jumper requirements:

The jumper design should be simple and practical for a dog to wear – please no dangly adornments that a dog might be tempted to chew off and swallow.

Colours should also be practical (for example no white or cream) – reds and greens could be a nice festive touch!

Choose a yarn that's easy to care for, look out for acrylics and washable fibres.

Many of the dogs on the Hope Project are medium to large in size, so we are particularly looking for jumpers that would fit dogs of stature!

*Jumpers should arrive at Dogs Trust Head Office, 17 Wakley Street, London, EC1V 7RQ, no later than November 23. Free patterns for dog jumpers can be found on the internet, or Dogs*



*Knitting fanatics are being asked by the Dogs Trust to help out canines living on the streets this Christmas.*

*Trust is happy to send one to people who email: [hopeproject@dogstrust.org.uk](mailto:hopeproject@dogstrust.org.uk).*

As well as offering subsidised veterinary treatments and doggy Christmas jumpers the Hope Project also encourages homelessness hostels and day centres to accept clients with dogs, and helps them put in place practical guidelines.

*Homelessness organisations or veterinary surgeries interested in finding out more information about the Hope Project, should call Dogs Trust on 020 7837 0006, or email: [hopeproject@dogstrust.org.uk](mailto:hopeproject@dogstrust.org.uk).*

## Local MP at KPC Youth

### BRIDGEND MP

**Madeleine Moon** recently handed over a cheque to KPC Youth Project Manager, Alison Mawby, sums earned from completing ComRes questionnaires.

*The MP said: "Kenfig Pyle Cornelly Youth is an organisation I have known since it was formed in 1998 and I have regularly kept in touch and visited the centre on many occasions.*

*"I admire the commitment of the staff for their constant rising to the challenge of providing a safe haven for local youngsters, where they can play some pool or music, have help with their homework or chill out with their friends in the centre's cafe."*

*"KPC Youth has excellent facilities including a computer suite, dance studio, arts and crafts room, BMX track and multi-purpose games court. These*

*facilities are for youngsters between the ages of eight to 13+ to use after school and in the evenings, which keeps youngsters off the streets.*

*"Also, the centre is open in the day between 9am-3.30pm to 16+ youngsters and young unemployed.*

*"I know it is a struggle for all voluntary organisations these days to keep projects going and I hope that this small amount will help in some way.*

*"KPC Youth are constantly looking for funding to maintain the day to day running of the centre and to update the facilities. They are looking for donations of used postage stamps, old printer toners, jewellery and foreign coins to help keep the centre going."*

*If you can help or want more information about KPC Youth, go to their website: [www.kpcyouth.com](http://www.kpcyouth.com), or for any enquiries please contact them by email: [kpcyouth@hotmail.com](mailto:kpcyouth@hotmail.com).*

## GEM WINNER

**T**HANK you for the lovely alfresco hamper, which I won in a GEM competition. It will be really enjoyed. Thank you again.  
Mrs Pamela Bevington  
Bridgend

You can read your GEM online - visit [www.bridgend-today.co.uk](http://www.bridgend-today.co.uk)

# 'Wish list for Porthcawl is all very well, but...'

**P**ORTCawl SHOUT meets regularly with principal officers of Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) to exchange views, and we are in a position to make suggestions and offer guidance in matters that are of serious concern to the people of Porthcawl and district.

Our members were, however, bemused to have read an article in the press last week by Suzy Davies AM, headed 'Time for change in regeneration of seaside town', sentiments with which we have been pressing the authorities to provide for all-weather leisure use, and not a sports complex, and certainly not the swimming pool that we have been pressing the authorities to provide for years.

We agree with all the comments about the desperate need for an all-

understand the situation, BCBC has entered into an owner's agreement with the Evans families, which precludes development of the sort suggested.

We believe the best Porthcawl can expect in the foreseeable future is a site at Hillsborough Place designated for a food store, a new road system around the Eastern Promenade and, when that is completed, an area of land designated for a leisure facility, which the authorities are careful to describe as for all-weather leisure use, and not a sports complex, and certainly not the swimming pool that we have been pressing the authorities to provide for years.

Unfortunately, as we speak louder than words and we believe the truth is that Porthcawl's regeneration over the next few years is only likely to consist of the harbour marina project, our lighthouse, revamped, a new road system around the

weather facility, Eastern Prom, a new food store and there is nothing we can do to change it.

Porthcawl certainly needs revitalisation but the question for Suzy Davies is how we achieve it?

Carwyn Jones AM has recently asked for ideas of how we can improve the town centre. Our lengthy list included the improved seating facilities we are actively pursuing with the county and street entertainment, better use of the bandstand, as well as regular features enjoyed during the Jubilee celebrations such as the open bus, road train, and Punch and Judy.

There must be more that can be done to revitalise Porthcawl. Clive Mort, Porthcawl SHOUT

## Denied a disability badge

**I**T was with great interest that I read your recent article on the new Blue Badge parking scheme.

**H**aving had a badge since 2009, I too felt that the system needed updating – but, more to the point, that the policing of it be more aggressive, particularly in Cowbridge.

I was recently amazed to see an officer ask a non-badge motorist parked in the disability bays in the High Street, who had already been shopping in Tesco, how long she would be – as

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**T**HE Paralympics have come home and they look like being the most successful and well-attended Games ever. Our paralympians are quite deservedly getting a world stage for their achievements.

But let's not forget the millions more people with disabilities and those who care for them.

They confront hurdles of a very different kind in their daily lives – hurdles of financial hardship, social isolation, ill health, depression and despair.

In overcoming these obstacles, they are performing their own quiet heroics, day in, day out, with little recognition and even less support.

The sad truth is that even on the occasion of the biggest ever Paralympics, disabled people and carers

the person needed to go to the newsgents! What sort of signal does this give?

Unless offences are met with their respective charges, they will reoccur indefinitely – as it already happens in this location and also the main car parks in the Vale.

My main reason for writing is that when I needed to re-apply for my badge (and I had my doctor's support for this) I was told that I would not have my badge renewed.

I had failed the new strict criteria: namely, I could walk 150metres – the stipulated criteria being 100metres.

**H**eroes who need our help

remain among the most disenfranchised and vulnerable members of society. I'd like to offer your readers the opportunity to help us change that.

I work for Vitalise, a charity that provides desperately-needed respite breaks for disabled people and carers at our accessible centres around the UK.

I would like to ask your readers to join us in calling for greater recognition and support for people with disabilities and carers.

We don't get a penny from government, but rely on the compassion and generosity of our supporters to keep on providing our vital services – so please help us.

*To make a donation, or for more information about our breaks, call 0303 303 0147 or visit [www.vitalise.org.uk](http://www.vitalise.org.uk). Colin Brook (Senior Communications Officer)*

There are no provisions for other disabilities. I am 69 and have had two knee replacements, plus a further remedial on one – three in all; a hip replacement; a kidney removed due to cancer; and now an incisional hernia due to that operation.

I am waiting for a consultant's appointment for further treatment – these all within the last four years.

While I find it difficult some days to walk even 50 metres, I have been truthful, unlike some others who have obtained badges by being economical with the truth, of whom I know several.

The department that issues them cannot, or will not, do anything about it.

My reason for applying for the badge is that, due to my disabilities, I need to open my car door to its full extent, to enable me to exit and enter the driving or passenger seats.

The normal parking spaces will not allow

### HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL SEPTEMBER 13)

*The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.*

*For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.*

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
06 Thur	10.21	9.2	22.41	8.7
07 Fri	10.54	8.5	23.14	8.1
08 Sat	11.33	7.9	23.59	7.6
09 Sun			12.27	7.4
10 Mon	01.10	7.2	13.55	7.3
11 Tues	02.56	7.1	15.38	7.6
12 Wed	04.16	7.7	16.41	8.0
13 Thur	05.11	8.2	17.28	8.3

*While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.*

**DOG owners in Bridgend are being invited to take advantage of a special Dogs Trust offer to get their dog microchipped for free at their Rehoming Centre in Pen-y-Fai on September 5, between 3pm -7pm.**

The charity, which runs a rehoming centre in Bridgend, will be running a special event to help as many dogs as possible.

Dog owners living in Bridgend and the surrounding area can have their dog microchipped at the rehoming centre for free and arrange an appointment to take advantage of reduced cost neutering for their dog.

Dogs Trust campaign manager for Wales, Sian Edwards, said: "We would like to urge dog owners to take advantage of this limited microchipping offer.

"While we saw a slight decrease in the

# Bridgend dancers are Centre of attention at World Dance Masters



*Harri and Summer performed exceptionally well at the World Dance Masters 2012 in Blackpool.*

**THE Dance Centre at Bridgend recently competed in the World Dance Masters at the Winter Gardens, Blackpool**

The team had dancers from three to 28 years of age all from Bridgend, Pencoed and the Vale.

At the Masters, dancers have to compete in different styles of dance from street, Latin, ballroom, country and west coast swing;

**World Dance Masters 2012**  
ALL dancers were in the team:

**Cabaret Team** – DC Crew – first place;

**Harri Watkin** (six) and **Summer Watkin** (five) – second place in the junior couples category, dancing: cha-cha, quickstep and west coast swing;

**Harri Watkin** – first in male six and under solo division;

**Summer Watkin** – third in female six and under solo division;

**Amy Logan** (15) – third in female teenage starter division;

**Rebecca Evans** (13) – first in female teenage intermediate. This was a double world title as she had won the novice division last year;

**Zack Franks** (18) – first in male open novice;

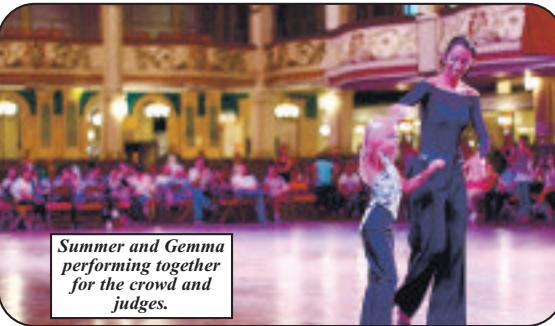
**Emma Williams** (18) – fifth in female open novice;

**Shannon Pitson** (15) – fifth in female teen intermediate;

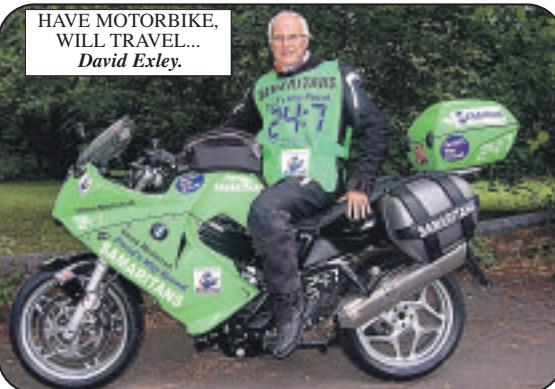
**Harri Watkin** – first place in student and teacher (pro-am);

**Summer Watkin** – second in student and teacher (pro-am).

**GEMMA WATKIN**



## Bridgend Samaritans welcome colleague on long-distance mission



**BRIDGEND SAMARITANS** recently welcomed a special guest at their branch in Green Street, Bridgend.

They laid out the red carpet for a fellow 'Sam' – David Exley from Worthing, who was raising awareness of the charity by riding more than 6,000 miles on his motorbike, visiting each of the 201 Samaritans branches.

Sixty-four-year-old David was paying a private tribute too, as he was riding in memory of his brother Tim, and son James, who both sadly died by suicide.

He arrived in Green Street on August 19, and was welcomed by volunteers including Christine Allen, the branch director.

He had an afternoon cup of tea and a Welsh cake, before heading on to his next stop.

Christine Allen said: "Our awareness day, 24/7, is the ideal way to raise awareness of Samaritans, and David's

challenge helped to highlight this, not only in Bridgend but across the UK and Ireland.

"Samaritans is the only helpline available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, offering support to anyone struggling to cope."

David Exley, said: "My younger brother Tim took his own life 24 years ago and tragically, in 2007, my son James also ended his life. I really hope that my challenge will mean that more people will be aware of the support Samaritans offers."

"That way, some good can come out of what has been a very difficult time for me and my family."

Anyone who is interested in becoming a Samaritan volunteer should contact Bridgend branch directly on 01656 750626 or email [bridgend@samaritans.org](mailto:bridgend@samaritans.org)

To donate to David's quest to raise £10,000 for Samaritans, visit: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/davidswayround>

## Bridgend man fit for job in the Big Apple!

A UNIVERSITY OF Glamorgan graduate from Bridgend has journeyed across the Atlantic, to take up a job as a professional fitness trainer with one of New York State's top sport and fitness facilities.

Former Royal Marine Commando Andrew Fern graduated from the University of Glamorgan in July 2012 with a BSC (Hons) sports coaching and performance degree.

Since graduating, he has travelled to the United States to join Page Fitness Athletic Club, where he has been recruited as a professional fitness trainer.

Andrew said: "Attending the University of Glamorgan provided me with the knowledge and skills that employers, like Page Fitness, look for. I was involved with the Cardiff Blues Regional rugby team for two years as part of my degree."

"From that, I built bridges, and friends within the organisation, and found part-time work within the Cardiff Blues through the university's connections."

"The final year of my honours degree provided



*Former Royal Marine Commando Andrew Fern, from Bridgend, has bagged himself a job in New York after graduating from the University of Glamorgan.*

ed me with opportunities to assist strength and conditioning coaches at the Cardiff Blues."

A spokesperson from Page Fitness said:

"Before leaving his homeland of Wales, Andrew worked with the Cardiff Blues and became head coach of

one of Wales' most competitive youth rugby teams, Bridgend Athletic Rugby Football Club.

"We were impressed with Andrew's professionalism, as well as his in-depth subject knowledge and coaching ability."

## Health Minister visits Trem-y-Mor centre

**OCCUPATIONAL** therapists in Bridgend had the chance to showcase their work as an example of best practice when the Minister for Health and Social Services Lesley Griffiths visited their centre.

Occupational therapists work with people of all ages and in the whole health and social care sector, from schools and prisons to the NHS and Local Government housing and social services departments.

The Health Minister visited the assessment centre, which was funded by the Welsh Government under the Integrating Community Equipment Services initiative.

The innovative services delivered by the occupational therapists at the centre are designed to meet Welsh Government strategic objectives and are focussed on keeping service users as independent and actively engaged in their communities for as long as possible and to prevent avoidable admissions to hospital.

The services which prevent admissions, effectively taking people out of hospital and maximising their independent living in the community.

"This centre is a shining example of integrated care, with the Local Authority working alongside the NHS to improve the patient experience and help alleviate the pressures on the health services in Wales."

A spokesman for the occupational therapy team in Bridgend County Borough Council said:

"Bridgend has developed a comprehensive range of community based therapy led rehabilitation and enabling services."

"Service User feedback had been very positive and we were delighted that the Minister was able to visit the staff based at Trem-y-Mor and hear about their work."

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# Focus on £5,000 target for Velindre Cancer Care

A LOCAL optician has launched a fundraising campaign to raise £5,000 for a charity that provides support and treatment to people and families dealing with cancer in Wales.

Specsavers in Adare Street will join forces with fellow Specsavers stores across Wales to raise money for Velindre Cancer Care by hosting a series of fundraising events, culminating in a charity dinner at the Vale Resort on Tuesday, September 25.

The dinner will be hosted by international rugby referee Nigel Owens and will also feature a charity auction of rugby memorabilia courtesy of Specsavers' sponsorship of the RaboDirect PRO12 League.

The evening will also serve as a farewell to Specsavers' Bridgend director Anne Lowndes, who is retiring after more than 21 years.

Money raised will

go towards helping Velindre continue to provide support and care for cancer patients and their families.

Velindre Cancer Centre is the largest non-surgical cancer hospital in Wales, providing radiotherapy, chemotherapy and other specialised anti-cancer treatments for more than half the people diagnosed with cancer in Wales.

According to statistics from Cancer Research UK, one in three people will be diagnosed with cancer at some stage in their lives, although more people survive cancer than ever before thanks to early detection and better treatments.

Andrew Morris, head of fundraising at Velindre Cancer Centre, said: "We are absolutely delighted that Specsavers in Bridgend has chosen to support us; these are extremely challenging economic times, and support like this is very welcome. We are extremely grateful to

Specsavers, all their staff and customers for their wonderful efforts."

Anne Simpkin, co-director of Specsavers Bridgend, said: "Unfortunately, it's a sad fact that many of us, at some point in our life, are affected by cancer.

"Velindre is a fantastic charity that does a tremendous job in providing cancer care and support to people across Wales, and so we were delighted to support them by launching this fundraising initiative.

"I know that the team here are really keen to contribute as much as possible, so that we reach our target of £5,000.

"The charity dinner itself promises to be a fantastic evening as well, with some great guests and prizes, and will be a fitting way not only to round off the fundraising campaign, but also to say thank you to the fantastic contribution Anne has made to eye care in the community here in Bridgend."

## Energy grants scheme brings old community halls into 21st century

COMMUNITY buildings deemed energy-inefficient in Bridgend are among scores across Wales' former mining areas that are set to receive a helping hand in being brought up to 21st century standards.

Grants of up to £25,000 are being awarded by The Coalfields Regeneration Trust (CRT) in Wales in a bid to save community organisations money, make them more sustainable and reduce their carbon footprint.

The Welsh Government-funded Coalfields Greener Communities programme will invest money in new insulation, heating systems and other energy efficiency and waste management measures, while groups running the buildings will also get help through energy audits and behaviour change workshops teaching them how to think greener.

Many community buildings are extremely inefficient in terms of their ability to both gen-

erate and retain heat and energy," said CRT Operations Manager Siân Sykes.

"Lots of these buildings are very large with one central heating system, which means you have to heat the whole building to run a small meeting.

"Many buildings are not double glazed or are one large room with high ceilings, have extremely old and inefficient boilers, are heated solely by electric heaters, and are often so poorly insulated that having the heating on barely impacts on comfort."

The behaviour change workshops are designed to help people understand technical issues – such as how thermostatic controls work – to reduce their costs and energy use.

"We know there are many sources of support for home owners and landlords to make houses more efficient, but there's a gap when it comes to community buildings," Siân Sykes added.

"So we're aiming to provide finance and support to organisations which are finding it increasingly difficult to

## PORTHCAWL 'SERPENT' BENCHES



An example of the iconic Serpent benches which are now undergoing restoration.

AROUND the turn of the century, some say as early as 1890, the 'Serpent' benches were a feature along the Esplanade Promenade in Porthcawl.

Now, thanks to Porthcawl SHOUT Forum, and particularly its eagle-eyed, inspirational chairman, Gary Victor, who recognised their historical value, two of these special benches, that over the years had become overlooked and neglected, have been rediscovered.

With the full support and enthusiasm of the parks and playing fields section of the Communities Directorate of Bridgend County Borough Council, they are at present being renovated prior to being reinstated in a prominent position

in our town once more, to suitably recognise their historical value.

This initiative is part of Porthcawl SHOUT's 'Pride in Porthcawl' campaign and follows closely on the provision of three new coastal path benches between Ocean View Flats and Rest Bay that the forum had also requested from BCBC.

The Porthcawl

SHOUT Forum meets on the first Friday of the month at Trinity

Church, Porthcawl at 2pm and our next meeting is on September 7.

All those who have the best interests of Porthcawl at heart will be warmly welcomed.

We will also be pleased to hear from anyone who has any historical information concerning the Serpent benches, so that a suitable record can be made of this important part of our heritage.

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## Mental Health Matters awards

MENTAL Health Matters Bridgend has announced that as part of Silver Anniversary celebrations, another recognition event for positive achievement in mental/emotional health and wellbeing will be held in the area.

The awards recognise people who have mental/emotional health issues; young people with a mental health problem (under 25 years); employees involved in delivering mental health services; and organisations involved in delivering mental health services. They are open to any individual or organisation living, working or delivering a service in

## PENCOED GCSE RESULTS

LAST week's report on students' GCSE results at Pencoed Comprehensive School was missing one name.

Katie Graves was a star performer, getting 12 A\* and one A grade. We offer our apologies to Katie – and also our congratulations.

## AUSSIE LEGEND TO VISIT THE AREA Campo set to coach youngsters

by TIM CHAPMAN

RUGBY union legend David Campese is to provide a coaching session for Vale youngsters in Cowbridge this October.

Campese – he of the hinch-kick and swash-buckling running, will put pupils from Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg and junior rugby players from Cowbridge RFC through their paces.

Peter Griffiths, the head of coaching at PG10, which has helped to arrange Campese's visit to the Vale said: "In Olympic year, I am thrilled a world rugby legend is giving the time to inspire and help develop Welsh sport and young people.

"Picking up tips from David Campese is a once in a lifetime opportunity, and I am delighted PG10 and the Events Room are able to provide this opportunity to young people."

The former Australian winger is particularly popular in Wales.

He was part of the Aussie team that beat



Aussie legend David Campese lifting the Webb Ellis Trophy in 1991.

England at Twickenham to lift the Webb Ellis men in gold. He is also known as a man of strong opinions and people can listen to his views on the state of the game and Welsh rugby during 'An Evening with David Campese' at the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge on Tuesday, October 2.

For people or local clubs interested in tickets for the evening, call The Events Room on 0845 108 101 appearance for the

## New festival brings mix of burlesque and rockabilly

ORGANISERS of the Porthcawl Elvis Festival, which over the last nine years has grown to be the biggest event of its kind in the world, have announced details of a new event to take place on the preceding weekend.

With the unusual title of 'Welsh Rockabilly Fair', with a Burlesque Fringe' it will take place over three days (September 21-23).

Inspired by the famous Coney Island Rockabilly Festival, the event merges 1950s-style Americana music and lifestyle, with edgy present-day Burlesque.

The music line-up includes The Hounds, The Hicksville Bombers, leading Welsh Rockabilly bands Gene Chandler & The Shufflers, Johnny Trashed, Railroad Bill and The Real John Lewis, and headlining the Saturday night, Carmen Ghia and The Hotrods.

Cardiff-based Burlesque Queen, Miss Foo Foo La Belle, has produced the Friday night midnight cabaret, with a host of exotic artistes including Missy Malone, Katie von Cupcake, Betty Blue Eyes, and Poppy Vanguard.

There will also be

comedy from Frank Coney Island Honeybone.

Fringe activities planned include the Roller Derby Rumble, a Hot Rod Cruise, the 'Miss Coney Beach' parade, 50s makeovers and a 'Camden-esque' market with retro clothes stalls.

The festival organiser, Peter Phillips, said: "Following the success of the Elvis Festival, we were looking for a new event to stage on the preceding weekend.

"There was a big gap in the market with Wales not having a major Rockabilly event. I had been to the

Details of the event can be found on: www.welshrockabilly.co.uk

## Warm welcome at farmers' club

AS a new club year begins for Maendy YFC, prospective new members, together with current and past members, are invited to Cowbridge RFC on Tuesday, September 11, commencing at 7pm for an evening of 'Speed-Gaming'.

If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact club chairman Tom Rees, e-mail: maendy.yfc@gmail.com or telephone 07738 913294. You can also see the website for details: www.maendy.btck.co.uk.

# Local AM sees tourism potential in story of Llangeinor intellectual

**SHADOW Welsh Culture Minister Suzy Davies is backing attempts to get the home of a Welsh intellectual giant preserved for posterity.**

Mrs Davies, who is a Welsh Conservative Regional AM for South Wales West, met Martyn Hooper, chairman of the Richard Price Society, to discuss the future of Tynton Farm in Llangeinor, which is the birthplace of the 18th century radical and thinker.

The farm is up for sale at the moment, and the newly-formed society would like to see it turned into a heritage

centre devoted to the memory of Dr Price, who was a first cousin of Ann Thomas, the Maid of Cefn Ydfa.

Mr Hooper, who did a masters' degree on Dr Price and is from the Garw, said that the society was formed in March after he met up with Paul Frame of Swansea, who has carried out research into Dr Price and has recently published a book on him.

"We formed the society from 10 people who turned up to a meeting we called at Llangeinor," he said.

"We have held some public lectures on a man who supported the Americans in their War of Independence and was awarded the first

doctorate ever given by Yale University.

"George Washington was given the second."

Dr Price was also the founder of life insurance, drawing up the first actuarial tables upon which life insurance has been based since.

Mr Hooper added: "Dr Price's pamphlets outsold Tom Paine's *The Rights of Man* by 40 to one."

"He was a hugely influential figure throughout Britain and indeed, the world, and his contribution to the Enlightenment was immense."

Suzy Davies said that Dr Price was unknown to many people in Wales.

sale for £350,000.

"We would like to see the council purchase the property and allow us to run it," he said.

"The will is there but money is the problem. We have also spoken to the National Trust and Cadw."

Mrs Davies, who is also Shadow Tourism Minister, said that the tourism potential of Tynton was enormous.

"We could see a huge boost to tourism in the wider Bridgend area in general and in the Garw in particular," she said.

"Moves are afoot to get trains running up the valley so the more attractions that are available, the better."

"I fully support the society's efforts to get funding for this project. This is a nationally important building which should be protected. I will be urging the Welsh Government and the council to back these plans."

Mr Hooper said that the society has approached Bridgend County Borough Council about purchasing the farm, which is privately owned and on

# TURKEY FEAST AT CARE HOME



Staff provided food and entertainment for the residents at Bryn Celyn care home as part of their British Food Fortnight celebrations.

**RESIDENTS at Bryn Celyn care home in Maesteg were treated to a traditional British feast as part of the home's 'British Food Fortnight' celebrations.**

together to enjoy the meal and were treated to entertainment from the staff.

Roy Garland, group hospitality services manager at Hallmark Care Homes said: "It was great to see so many of our residents' family and friends turn up to this special event.

"We take nutrition very seriously but it was great to have the two weeks dedicated to celebrating British food. The fact that turkey was the main ingredient raised a few eyebrows, as 'turkey' is only served as a roast at Christmas".

"The fact that so many different dishes were created was a wonderful experience and this comment was echoed by many people on the day."

## Patch the Dragon warns of dangers of smoking in cars



ABOVE: Jessica and Kayleigh Simkins (6 and 7) and cousin Ieuan Davies (3) with Patch the Dragon.

**FAMILIES visiting Porthcawl have been urged to "make a fresh start", after the Fresh Start Wales team visited Coney Beach with its character 'Patch the dragon'.**

Fresh Start Wales is the Welsh Government's campaign to reduce children's exposure to second-hand smoke in the car, and has been touring Wales to share its message with the wider community.

Fresh Start Wales' final event of the summer was held on the seafront in Porthcawl, where the team handed out buckets, spades and beach balls to children with mascot Patch the Dragon on hand to have his photo taken.

The stand also featured a giant balloon car, while an entertainer sculpted balloon cars to order.

Meanwhile, the Fresh Start Wales team offered CO and lung life testing for parents, encouraging them to pledge to make their car a family car by keeping it smoke-free.

Parent Rhodri Davies (37), who was visiting Porthcawl with his daughter, said: "This is a really good idea which gets people interacting about smoking in cars in a fun and positive way – and it seems to be working, as people are listening."

"I've learned about smoking in cars and about giving up smoking, too. I do smoke in the car, but I didn't know how much the smoke stays in the car – in the seats and the roof. It's right that

## Local pupils in groundbreaking S4C TV series

A GROUND-BREAKING new series on S4C's *Stwnsh* is set to take off from September 12 (5.40pm), when young people will be able to watch a quiz show on television while playing along with the games on a second screen in their homes.

"In each programme, three competitors will be faced with seven puzzles on a giant touch-screen device in the studio – against the clock and within the confines of *Y Llift*. If they fail to succeed, one team member will be forced to leave *Y Llift* or their prize will decrease," a spokesperson said.

In the fourth episode on October 3 at 5.40pm, pupils from Ysgol Llangynwyd will compete in *Y Llift*.

Owain Williams presents the brand new interactive series and in the programmes, the journey begins on the bottom floor with £300 worth of vouchers in the pot as a prize.



After reaching the top floor, they will have to solve the code with a minute on the clock in order to open the doors to freedom.

Viewers are encouraged to play along at home at the same time as the competitors in the studio by visiting the website [www.yllift.com](http://www.yllift.com) – or by downloading the brand new app, currently available for free on phone and tablet devices.

At the end of the game, their scores will be added to *Y Llift*'s scoreboard and the players with the most points at the end of the series will win prizes, including an iPod Touch, game equipment and iTunes vouchers.

## It's a tie between the MP and the Quilters



The Vale MP and the quilters.

**VALE MP Alun Cairns attended Glamorgan Quilters' recent meeting – to support their campaign to create a quilt made only from old ties, to raise money for 'Movember', which supports prostate and testicular cancer initiatives.**

The Quilters met at the village hall in Ystradgyniad to start the mammoth task of creating the quilt.

Mr Cairns donated several ties, including one Houses of Parliament tie with House of Commons and Lords logos, and also a rugby tie from matches between the Houses of Parliament and the National Assembly.

The group are part of The Quilters Guild, dedicated to preserving the heritage and craft of quilting and patchwork. The local charity also supports and fundraises

## 30TH CONCERT

**OGMORE Valley Male Voice Choir present the 30th anniversary concert on September 15, with proceeds to Y Bont, Bridgend.**

Compera is Boyd Clack, writer, actor and broadcaster ('Satellite City' and 'High Hopes').

Special guests: Rhidian Jenkins (Eisteddfod winner 2012) and Ifan Jenkins (piano) of Only Boys Aloud.

It takes place at Canolfan Bethlehem Centre, Commercial Street, Ogmore Vale at 7pm; admission £5. Call 01656 646013.

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## IN THE BAG... Fashion month opening draws big crowds!



Designer Holly Fulton and singer songwriter Delilah were on hand (above) to hand out limited edition tote bags, designed by Holly, to hundreds who queued at McArthurGlen Designer Outlet for the launch of Designer Outlet Fashion Month (above and below).



BRITISH designer Holly Fulton and singer songwriter Delilah launched the UK's first-ever 'Designer Outlet Fashion Month' at McArthurGlen Designer Outlet – where more than 100 shoppers queued to pick up their limited edition tote bag, exclusively designed by Holly Fulton.

Running throughout September in all seven UK McArthurGlen cen-

tres, it will celebrate the thrill of seeking out designer labels for less.

The campaign is being championed by model and cultural ambassador for the British Fashion Council, Laura Bailey, acclaimed singer songwriter Delilah and top style blogger Sandra from [Sinchandup](http://www.sinchandup.blogspot.com) ([www.sinchandup.blogspot.com](http://www.sinchandup.blogspot.com)).

Amy Pemberton from Chester scooped the first exclusive tote bag from Holly Fulton as hundreds of shoppers queued to meet Holly and campaign ambassador Delilah.

### Wartime arsenal

THE arsenal in Bridgend was one of the largest munitions factories in the UK during World War Two, and on completion in 1940, it employed approximately 40,000 workers.

A number of people lost their lives in munitions factories while packing shells with high explosives and handling toxic chemicals. In Bridgend alone, 22 people were killed through explosions, and many more lost limbs or were blinded.

The workers, mostly young women, were conscripted during the war from large areas throughout south Wales.

In acknowledgment of the outstanding effort these people put into helping win the war, the Royal British Legion is allocating places for these workers to take part in the parade to the Cenotaph in London this November.

Ogmore MP Huw Irranca-Davies, chairman of the all-party group on munitions workers, is interested in obtaining names of workers who would be available to take part in the parade.

The workers can be accompanied by a relative or carer, and can be arranged.

Contact 01656 737777 or e-mail [irrancadavies@parliament.uk](mailto:irrancadavies@parliament.uk) for details.

### Liberation choir

COR MERCHED CWM LLYNFI (Llynfi Valley Ladies Choir), formed in 1989, has as its musical director Paul Denik-Bradley and a new accompanist, Laura Smith, who is

## YOUR CHANCE TO SHARE THE LOCAL COMMUNITY NEWS

### NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

*A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns*

*of The GEM:*

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recently formed choir Bois Goetre-Hen a'r Cylch (Boys of Coatrathen & District) will be performing to help raise money needed for repairs.

Tickets, priced at £5, will be available at the church door or can be obtained from Kay /Maureen/Jane on 01656 767135/ 723512/ 725176.

### Carers' centre

BRIDGEND Carers' Centre is based at 87 Park Street, Bridgend, CF31 4AZ (tel 01656 658479) and is a welcoming venue for all.

On September 10-17, there will be a book Cwtch between 1pm and 2pm.

On Tuesday, September 11, volunteers from the Cruse Bereavement Support group will be holding a forum to offer advice to carers between 10.30am and 12pm.

Also on Tuesday, a new health and wellbeing course is starting up, to cover healthy eating, exercise, relaxation, positive thinking and other forms of stress relief.

The course will consist of six sessions on September 11/18/25 and October 2/16/23 between 10.30am-12pm.

On September 12, a support worker from the mental health charity Hafal will be available in the Community Café between 12.30pm and 3.30pm.

On September 13, a short trip is being organised to Wales' most popular heritage attraction at St Fagans, departing from Hope Chapel, Bridgend at 9.30am, returning at 2.30pm; the cost is £1.

**Charity function**  
THE 63rd Glynnogwr & District Show and Gymkhana was again blessed by fine weather and organisers will make a donation to Help the Heroes and the Ewan David Thomas of Gilfach Goch appeal.

Angharad Williams (19), granddaughter of St Tydfodw church members Joan and Bill Williams, Glyn View, Blackmill, was successful in winning first prize for best ewe and first prize for best lamb with her Ryland sheep. This was the first time Angharad had exhibited.

### Church thanks

MEMBERS of St Bride's church, Llansantffraid have thanked Nazareth Chapel, Bryncethin for donating £420 to help repair damage to the church structure caused by thieves

stealing lead flashing from the church roof.

The congregation invite members of the public to a concert at St John's church, Aberkenfig on Friday, September 14 at 7.30pm, where the

Tickets cost £8, which includes a glass of wine or fruit juice, cheese and nibbles. Call 01656 664105.

The Mayor is sup-

porting four local charities – Emmaus South Wales, which helps the homeless, Breast

Cancer at the Princess of Wales hospital,

Bridgend and District Stroke Association, and

Bridgend Riding for the Disabled.

## Who wants to build what and where?

Tesco Stores Limited – land at Cornelly Garage, Heol Fach, North Cornelly – installation of three air conditioning units and one condenser unit.

Marston's PLC – The Cherry Laurel (FMR Pied Piper), Kingsway, Bridgend – 12 externally illuminated signs and one non-illuminated door plaque.

Valleys 2 Coast Housing – 1-8 Heol Arfryn, 8-12 West View and 1-4 City Road, Bettws – demolition of 17 properties within Heol Arfryn, West View and City Road.

Valleys 2 Coast Housing – Plan Morlais, North Cornelly – demolition of 21 dwellings on Plas Morlais.

Mr Paul Skinner – Talgarth House, Talgarth Street, Maesteg – certificate of lawfulness for an existing use of the land as part of the garden curtilage.

BCBC Regeneration Projects – land off Eastern Promenade/The Portway, Porthcawl – raising of ground levels and construction of footpath across site.

Tesco Stores Limited – land at Cornelly Garage, Heol Fach, North Cornelly – installation of shop front and external alterations.

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one condenser unit.

Mr M Dykstra – 43 South View, Kenfig Hill – erect entrance

porch to front door and conservatory to side.

McCarthy & Stone – land rear Seabank Hotel, The Green Avenue, Porthcawl – relax con-

dition 11 of P/10/669/FUL to

allow partial occupancy.

Barbrook Ltd – land adjacent

Tythegston Road and A48

Stormy Down, Bridgend – out-

line application 2,709 sq m of

light industrial floorspace.

Mr and Mrs Adrian and Sally

Edwards – 3 Bryneglwys

Avenue, Porthcawl – rear sin-

gle storey pitch roof extension,

replace porch, utility room and

store shed with new utility and

shower room.

Mrs G Howell – 15 Esterling

Drive, Porthcawl – proposed

alteration and extension to side

and rear.

Mr and Mrs Edwards – 13

Warwick Crescent, Porthcawl –

alterations and extension to

existing dwelling.

Owen's Road Services – Owen's

Road Services, Parc Crescent,

Waterton Industrial Estate,

Bridgend – erection of canopy

rear elevation of the existing

building on site and associated

works.

Mr P Lovell – 75 Alma Road,

Maesteg – single storey exten-

sion.

Mr D Evans – 13 Heol Maendy,

Sarn, Bridgend – erect new

three-bedroom house attached

to existing terrace.

Rhondda Cynon Taff CBC –

Mynydd Portref Extension,

Argoed Edwin Farm,

Llanharan, Pontyclun – OBS

for erection of seven wind tur-

bines up to 110m tip height,

access tracks, cables, substation

and association works.

Mrs Natalie Morgan – 8

Camberwell Avenue, Cefn

Glas, Bridgend – two storey

rear extension and single storey

side extension – re-sub of

P/12/252/FUL.

Mr S Fedysyn – Llangeinor

Road, Bettws Road, Llangeinor

– portable storage container.

Mr J Tutt – 101 Pendre,

Bridgend – two storey rear and

side extensions.

Mr Adam Griffiths – Ty Gwyn y

Gwlad, Glynnogwr, Blackmill,

Bridgend – kitchen extension to

rear and detached store to side

of property.

Nantymoel RFC – Nantymoel

RFC, 82-84 Ogwy Street,

Nantymoel – proposed decking

area and boundary fencing to

rear of clubhouse.

Mrs J Arkless – New

Hibernian, 13 Llywodraeth

Road, Maesteg – change of use

from social club/public house to

hostel with warden's accommo-

dation.

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*'This is no way to run a railway', says a regional AM*

## Passengers left stranded as train 'fails to show up' (again) at Maesteg

**SHADOW** Welsh Transport Minister Byron Davies is to contact Arriva. Trains Wales after passengers were again left stranded in Maesteg when their train failed to turn up.

About 20 people waiting for the 2.15pm train to Cardiff last Friday were left high and dry.

The information board at the station flashed out the words "on time", which led would-be passengers to believe that the train would arrive at any minute. But as time wore on, failed to arrive, and a check by phone with Arriva revealed that it had, in fact, been terminated at Tondu.

Rachel Isaac of Llwydarth Road, Maesteg, was among those waiting for the train in Maesteg: "It's appalling service from Arriva," she said. "We were all standing there like lemons waiting for a train that did not turn up. I tried to use the passenger information point but it was broken

and the orange sign kept flashing the message that the train was on time.

"At the very least, the sign should have shown that the train had terminated in Tondu. As there is only one train an hour from Maesteg, this means a long delay. Lots of people just gave up while others had to hang around."

Mr Davies has already written to Arriva about trains being terminated at Tondu and was assured by commercial director Mike Bagshaw in a letter last November that such incidences were "rare".

Mr Davies said that he was angry and concerned at the latest incident.

He said: "Apart from the people left stranded in the stations at Maesteg, Ewenny Road and Garth – the three stations further up the line from Tondu – there was also another group of passengers travelling to Maesteg who were dumped at Tondu when the train terminated.

"They, too, either had to wait for the next train an hour later, or try and

make their own way as best they could to Maesteg.

"This is no way to run a railway. I will be asking Arriva exactly why this train was terminated. I have been told by regular passengers in Maesteg that it is done if trains are running late and they wish to get the service back on schedule.

"But that's no excuse. Simply abandoning people and turning the train around is not good enough.

"The Welsh Government is trying to get people to dump their cars and use public transport. But there's a fat chance of that if people cannot rely on the trains turning up, especially when it is an hourly service. If there was a train every 15 minutes it would not be so bad.

"People relying on the train to get to work in Cardiff are being very badly let down by Arriva. I am also concerned that they are doing it because once they reach Tondu, the train counts as having completed its journey although it has done nothing of the sort.

"I will be writing to the Minister to point out that Arriva is massaging its figures to make it appear that it is hitting the target of completed train journeys laid down in performance indicators by the Welsh Government when it is doing no such thing."

Mr Davies said that until the Rail Bus was scrapped by Bridgend County Borough Council earlier in the year, people waiting to catch the train were picked up by the bus and taken down to Tondu to meet the train.

"The situation was much better when we had the rail bus," he said. "The driver would get a message to say that the train was terminating in Tondu and he would take everyone waiting at the three stations in Maesteg down to Tondu to get on the train there.

"He would also bring back all the people who were dumped at Tondu. At least, passengers still had some service."

Mr Davies recently contacted BCBC to urge them to reconsider the scrapping of the rail bus, but was told by

Louise Fradd, Corporate Director of Communities, that the reduction in the level of the Local Transport Subsidy from the Welsh Government had increased pressure on council budgets in relation to bus services, and it was decided to axe the rail link bus because fewer people were affected by that.

Mr Davies said he was concerned that Arriva were saying that train terminations at Tondu were rare events.

"I have a different definition of the word rare to that used by Arriva," he said. "I have been told of a number of terminations – three within the first week that the rail bus was scrapped.

"I understand that BCBC was in difficult financial position and that, in fact, the use of the bus to ferry passengers around was actually done on a goodwill basis only and was not part of its original remit which was to bring people from Caerau and Nantyfyllon to and from the rail station in Maesteg.

"I accept the point made by BCBC that the funding of these rail buses should be treated by the Welsh Government as part of the rail franchise and funded as part of that.

"This would remove the problem at a stroke, especially as five rail

link buses have been axed in south Wales this year – to the detriment of the railways.

"What is the point of the Westminster Government paying to electrify the Maesteg line as part of its £2 billion programme if Arriva is undermining it by terminating trains at Tondu?

"I am concerned that they are doing it far too easily – it feels like it's the first resort rather than the last one. It's as if nobody gives a damn about passengers travelling to and from the upper Llynfi Valley and that's not good enough."

Mr Davies will also raise the need for accurate travel information to be available at stations along the Maesteg line, and for people to be warned if trains were terminating. He also wants the passenger information point at Maesteg repaired.

A spokesperson for Arriva Trains Wales told The GEM: "The 1.18pm Cardiff to Maesteg service did experience engine problems on route, and at Tondu, the engine completely failed when it was decided to cancel the service.

"Such train failures are rare, and Arriva Trains Wales apologises for the inconvenience this caused to passengers using the line."

## Sentence adjourned for Kenfig Hill man

by AJ SICLUNA

**SENTENCE** has been adjourned at Cardiff Crown Court on a 27-year-old Kenfig Hill man who committed a sex offence.

Alexander Clarke, of Croft Goch Gardens, admitted a charge of sexual assault at Porthcawl on a girl under 14.

Clarke, who had once been nominated as a Welsh School's Sports Coach of the Year, had appeared before Vale magistrates who committed the case to the Crown Court for sentence.

Judge David Wyn Morgan said that since the offence, which took place several years ago, Clarke had been a person of exemplary character.

The Judge said he had been provided with only a committal certificate, and

nothing else. However, the pre-sentence report raised matters which caused "some considerable anxiety".

The girl said incidents occurred six times; Clarke said there had been only one incident.

Plainly, said the Judge, this would affect the sentence and there was also a victim impact statement which indicated that the effect of what occurred had been "catastrophic" on the victim.

The magistrates, he said, should have committed the case for trial, but no-one knew exactly what had occurred and matters appeared to be unhelpful to the victim and the defendant.

He said he wanted further enquiries to be made and released Clarke on bail.

## Porthcawl Life Guards Club lands a silver

LAST week saw the Surf Life Saving Association of Great Britain youth championships held in Portreath, Cornwall.

Porthcawl Life Guards Club (PLGC) had two junior members, Nicole Davenport and Tom Allen, competing in numerous events against other clubs and competitors from all around the country.

A spokesman for the Porthcawl club said: "We are very proud to announce that our very own Nicole Davenport came second overall in the beach flags event, battling off fierce competition from some very strong and experienced life guards to gain a silver medal for the club.

"Well done both! – and keep up the good work, all of us at the club are very proud of you."

If Nicole and Tom's efforts have inspired you to think about joining the club, why not drop club secretary Penny John an email at [seplgc@hotmail.com](mailto:seplgc@hotmail.com)

Dave Davies

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**THIS WEEK:** Tern is a three-year-old Jack Russell Terrier.

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# Open Doors Day success at Porthcawl Museum



ABOVE: One of the guided walking parties assembling outside the museum.

ON September 1, Porthcawl Museum hosted a successful day as one of many organisations taking part in Open Doors 2012.

A total of 44 visitors came to the museum on the day, with 15 adults and three juniors enjoying the guided walks around Porthcawl.

The walks were led by Ceri and Paul Joseph, who gave a lively account of the town's history and identified several hidden treasures, including the location of the last remaining piece of railway line.

Those who attended the walks found them very informative and enjoyable, to such an extent that several were



Ceri Joseph explaining some of the history of John Street, Porthcawl.

encouraged to join the museum, both as members and volunteers.

Chairman of Porthcawl Museum and Historical Society, Mr John David, said that he was greatly encouraged to see so many people discovering the museum for the first time.

RIGHT:

Looking back towards Portway, the handheld photograph shows how the railway was superseded by the roads of today.



## Who wants to build what and where

Acorn Tree Services – Newcastle Cottage, 10 West Road, Bridgend – remove a Cypress tree (within Newcastle Hill conservation area).

Mr Jonathan Barrett – Roadford, 2 Ploris Road, North Cornelly – retrospective application to install decked area to rear garden and two fencing panels.

Valleys to Coast – 37 Newcastle Hill, Bridgend – repointing of a chimney breast below the eaves level (Article 4 direction).

Mr and Mrs D and G Morgan – land south of Haulfrynn, Ffordd y Gyfraith, Bridgend – remove condition 1 of P/10/874/FUL to allow permanent use as holiday let garden and retain caravan and shower block.

Mrs P Bailey – Castle Green Cottage, Heol Spencer, Coity – remodelling of two cottages to form a single dwelling and construct two storey additions.

Valley & Vale Community Arts – Llangeinor House, Bettws Road, Llangeinor – change of use from private residence to community arts and wellbeing centre.

Mrs S Davies – 34 Heol Croes, Pencoed – first floor extension – resub of P/12/431/FUL.

Mrs Philippa Rees – Pantawel, 4 Nant y Wenvol, Broadlands, Bridgend – demolish existing double side garage and erect two storey extension with attached garage.

Mr B Arnesen – Graigwen, Hendre Road, Pencoed – re-position staircase between two sections of bungalow to improve access to first floor – amendment to P/10/735/FUL.

Needham Haddrill Man Ltd – Pant y Wal Windfarm, Bridgend – proposed 15m slimline tower.

Bridgend County borough – Eastern Promenade and The Portway, Porthcawl – re-alignment and raising levels of existing highway and improvement of drainage network.

Lambert Smith Hampton – land at Ty Draw Farm, Pyle – request for screening opinion for proposed mixed use development.

Mr Stanley James – 11 Heol y Foelas, Bridgend – single storey rear extension with external ramped access to front.

Mr M Thomas – 1 Greenmeadow Shwt, Bridgend – two storey extension to side of property.

Savills – verge A4061 The Derwen (adjacent Premier Inn car park), Sarn, Bridgend – 12.5m telecommunications column with three internal antennae and two ground-based cabinets.

Mr Tom Rhoden – 84 Quarella Road, Bridgend – rear detached garage.

Mr and Mrs Penry-Ellis – Ty Newydd Farm, Heol Simonston, Coity – convert ancillary residential accommodation to dwelling, subdivide curtilage, new access and re-align right of way.

Mr Jeff Davies – Mead House, Nottage Mead, Porthcawl – retrospective application for change of use to domestic garden.

“Acoustic cover band the Overheated Pilots will provide a live soundtrack for the event, which is taking place within the 113 acres of stunning parkland.”

Admission to the autumn fair is free, with a car park charge of £2.50.

A spokesman for Bridgend County Borough Council said:

“Featuring craft and food stalls, fairground rides and a variety of children's entertainment including a bouncy castle, still walking, juggling, balloon animals and the ever popular duck race, the autumn fair will be a celebration of the new season.

“What appealed to me about this ride was that we all cycle as a group and I'm looking forward to riding with people I haven't met before.”

“As a director of Pinnacle Office Equipment Ltd, we have worked with Shelter Cymru for a number of years.”

Full details of the ride can be found at [www.sheltercymruchallenge.org.uk](http://www.sheltercymruchallenge.org.uk)

## COURTNEY-LEE IN NATIONAL FINAL!

# Maesteg teenager sets her sights on Miss Teen crown

A MAESTEG teenager is set to represent the Bridgend county borough when she takes part in a national pageant.

Courtney-Lee Morris has been named Miss Teen Bridgend as she prepares for the Miss Teen Great Britain contest, seeing off competition from hundreds of young girls to win her place in the grand final.

Sixty teenage girls will compete for the Miss Teen Great Britain crown at The Globe Theatre at Blackpool Pleasure Beach on Sunday, September 30.

The winner of Miss Teen Great Britain will receive an amazing prize package including £1,000, £500 to spend at The Dress Studio, a modelling portfolio with FAB Photoshoots, make-up from Beauty UK, products from I Love...Cosmetics, a two night break at a Puma Hotel, shoes, bags and more!

Miss Teen Great Britain is quite different to the stereotypical beauty contests. Holly Ikin, organiser, said: “Miss Teen Great Britain is about

much more than a pretty face. We do not call Miss Teen Great Britain a beauty contest. The aim of the competition is to celebrate teenagers, their ambitions and their achievements.

Fifty per cent of the judging is based on an interview with the judges, it is their personality that truly counts.

“The grand final weekend is focused on the girls having fun – they will enjoy a trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach, a pyjama diva party and, of course, the grand final itself. I have seen that all of the girls are making friends already and talking about the final, and that is what this competition is all about.”

Courtney-Lee will also be raising money for the event's nominated charity, the Claire House Children's Hospice, through various fundraising events.

Holly added: “Courtney-Lee has done fantastically to make it to the grand final of the competition. We were overwhelmed by the high standard of applicants for 2012. She has a great, natural look and we are excited to have her in the competition.”



Courtney-Lee Morris will represent Bridgend county borough at the Miss Teen Great Britain finals in Blackpool.

## COMMUNITY NEWS ST BRIDES MAJOR

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### Mike Larkin

Congratulations to Michael Larkin on his recent visit to Austria to judge the Austrian Retriever Club Working Test between August 25-31 in Lech. Co-judges were from Germany, Sweden and Wales.

“I have a new bike and can't wait to get going. I have already received sponsorship from Wales and West Housing Association and United Welsh Housing Association, as well as friends and family.”

Andrew Jones, the fundraising manager at Shelter Cymru said: “Our first Cardiff to Paris challenge last year was an enormous success and we decided to expand the event this year to take in a return leg to give more people the opportunity to get involved.”

“The first leg is fully subscribed but there are a couple of places still left on the ride back to Cardiff.”

“We make sure that the riders take on board the right amount of liquid to keep them hydrated and some will require approaching 6,000 calories of food per day.”

“As with all charities, we are faced with a challenging financial climate but people remain very generous and we are grateful to all our cyclists for signing up.”

Full details of the ride can be found at [www.sheltercymruchallenge.org.uk](http://www.sheltercymruchallenge.org.uk)

ing background and did similar work before.

They both will be missed but they are wished the very best in their new ventures.

Don't forget the Heritage Coast open day on Sunday, September 16!

### Mothers' Union

THE Mothers' Union met on Friday, August 31 for its communion service at All Saints Church, Southerndown.

### Defibrillator

POLICE local neighbourhood officer Serena James is the heart defibrillator trainer covering the Vale for the Welsh Ambulance Service.

The first training course is to be held in Wick in September, following the placement of the first defibrillator in St James' Church, Wick.

The scheme is known as PADS (Public Access Defibrillator Scheme).

### Wick Show

WICK 44th Horticultural Show was held at the village hall, Wick, on Saturday, September 2 and was once again a huge success.

The exhibits of fruit and vegetables were exceptional in all groups. The flower arrangements were imaginative, as were the children's sections.

Cookery section and jams were mouth-watering. Well done to all entrants!

## CARDIFF CROWN COURT ROUND-UP with AJ SICLUNA

# Man spared jail after attack

**VIOLENCE** broke out in Pyle Rugby Football Club when a man struck a member with a chair.

Lee Jones suffered injuries which needed eight stitches.

Dean Hampton (44), a man with no previous convictions, of Albion Place, Kenfig Hill, admitted a charge of wounding.

He was sentenced to eight months imprisonment, suspended for a year, ordered to carry out 100 hours unpaid

work and ordered to pay Mr Jones £1,000 compensation.

Judge Patrick Curran told him: "It is a great shame to see a man of your age and of excellent character before the court for so serious an offence."

"Striking a blow with a weapon, such as a chair, in licensed premises, is plainly so serious that only a custodial sentence can be justified."

But he said there were circumstances which justified suspending the sentence.

There was, he said, his good character and there was a single blow when he was the worse for drink.

Hampton himself thought he was being threatened.

"I have been told that Mr Jones accepts your apologies and regards the matter as in the past and to be forgotten."

The Judge said the recurrence of such behaviour was unlikely.

Prosecutor Muhi Gobir said the attack occurred on July 9 at Pyle RFC.

Hampton and Mr Jones were there and had known each other for 20 years.

Initially, nothing occurred, but there was a dispute and it became noted that there was some bad blood between the defendant and another man.

At one point Mr Jones spoke to Hampton who then picked up a chair with two hands to shoulder height and smashed it over his head, causing a wound which bled heavily.

Police arrested Hampton at the club, and he said: "I had to do it." He later said he had "not done anything wrong."

Hampton, who didn't sustain any injury, later said he could not remember what happened.

## Jail sentence for Bettws burglar

A BURGLAR locked himself in the bathroom after "barging" his way into a house in Bridgend.

Natalie Floyd later confronted 23-year-old David Shears, who dragged her down a flight of stairs.

Shears, an unemployed mechanic, of Heol Dewi Sant, Bettws, Bridgend, admitted a charge of burglary and was also in breach of a conditional discharge for shoplifting and failing to surrender when on bail.

He was said to have three previous convictions for burglary and was jailed for a total of three-and-a-half years.

Judge Patrick Curran said: "You selected valuable property to remove and you stacked it up. There was a scuffle with the householder, who suffered slight injuries. Many rooms were searched, and you were on licence for a previous offence."

Prosecutor John Probert said that on June 19, Miss Floyd returned to her home at Heol Nant-y-Felin, Wildmill,

and noticed a bicycle which didn't belong to her in the garden.

On the top of her stairs was a television set.

She became aware of someone in the bathroom and discovered the door was locked.

Shears then emerged and she recognised him. She grabbed him, and he said: "Woah, it's Shears."

He had a glove on one hand, and a sock on the other.

He dragged Miss Floyd down the stairs, but before he got away, she struck him in the mouth.

He was arrested that evening and said he had stolen a watch.

It was obvious, said Mr Probert, that he had made preparations to take a large amount of property.

His counsel, James Evans, said: "He has been addicted to heroin, which is his prime problem. He is now beginning to realise how pernicious a substance it is."

"I concede his record is disgraceful, but he is not a hopeless case."

## Last chance given to Brackla drugs dealer

A DRUG dealer has been warned at Cardiff Crown Court that if he commits another similar offence, he will be heading for prison.

Alan Davies, 35, was described by Judge Eleri Rees as "a small time street dealer motivated by financial advantage."

Davies pleaded guilty to possessing cannabis with intent to supply and possessing steroids.

Davies, of Oak Tree Court, Brackla, was jailed for nine months, suspended for a year, made subject to a year's supervision and to observe a 12-week curfew from 7pm-7am involving electronic tagging.

Said the Judge: "Drug dealers go to prison. I warn you now, commit another such offence within 12 months and you go to prison."

Prosecutor John Warren said that the offences came to light on March

25 when police forcibly entered a flat in Maes Dewi Pritchard, Bridgend.

They found quantities of cannabis, steroids and £210 in cash.

Davies' mobile phones were analysed and involved conversations indicating drug dealing.

He was said to have convictions for 47 offences, including wounding, for which he received four years, causing actual bodily harm, burglary and driving while disqualified, plus shoplifting.

His barrister, Alex Greenwood, said Davies was a heroin user and he sold cannabis to fund the habit.

"He has been totally candid with the Probation Service and by his guilty plea.

"He is about to be prescribed methadone to deal with his heroin addiction."

"While he plays a significant role, he is at the bottom of the range of seriousness for drug dealing."

**The GEM is in partnership with the Dog's Trust to find caring homes for animals in their charge at Bridgend Rehoming Centre (Telephone: 01656 725219)**

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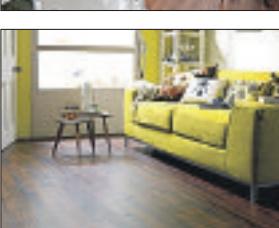
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## FOAM PARTY FUN FOR FONTYGARY'S F-CLUB!



ABOVE: The F-Club ladies have been hard at work, raising funds for the Macmillan Nurses.

**FONTYGARY**  
Leisure Park held its annual 'mad children's foam party' last weekend and, as luck would have it, the sun shone brightly!

The children loved getting covered in foam, and so did many of their parents! It was madcap fun, all in the safety of the beer garden!

Also, the F-Club ladies, led by Lorraine Loveridge, worked tirelessly at their summer fete, raising money for Macmillan Nurses.

Everyone gave generously and they are still counting their takings – every single penny of which goes to



this worthy charity.

Every Friday and Saturday, there is free children's entertainment in the 'Bar on the Bay', and a cabaret every Saturday night – which is open to the public.

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ABOVE:  
Children enjoying  
the foam party at  
Fontygary Leisure  
Park.

IT has taken a week or two for the news to sink in, but newly-formed local group 'Yr Hen Ysgol' ('The Old School') really did win third prize in the 'Welsh traditional music instrumental group' category at the National Eisteddfod, and any doubts can quickly be dispelled with a look on BBC i-player!

The four musicians (harpist Sue Banks, fiddler Steph Kemplay and guitarist John Connolly from Llantwit Major, together with fiddler Sheila Hobbs from Penarth) were originally part of a larger group meeting at The Old School in Llantwit Major to learn traditional Welsh tunes.

The course was organised by 'trac', the folk development organisation for Wales, with the aim of promoting Welsh session music, but with the Eisteddfod on the doorstep, the tutors suggested entering the band competi-

tion, and 'Yr Hen Ysgol' was born.

There followed many hours of choosing, arranging, practising and learning the tunes, before the foursome finally found themselves on the Maes, competing in the preliminary round against well-established folk groups. Having entered for the sheer fun of taking part in an Eisteddfod, the group were astonished, delighted – and just a little scared – to realise they had made it through to the finals.

Later the same day, 'Yr Hen Ysgol' overcame their nerves to perform on the big stage in the pink pavilion, and were thrilled to be awarded third prize!

The four friends enjoy playing a variety of music. Sue, who is taught by local harpist Caroline Greenwood, plays for small weddings and other special events; Sheila plays with the Dinas Powys Orchestra; and Steph, Sheila and John are all members of the local ceilidh band Thingumijigs.

They plan to keep playing together, but have not yet decided



Sheila, Sue, Steph and John in their 'Old School' ties!

whether to make the trip north to Denbigh for next year's Eisteddfod!

There are more workshops planned for later this year and anyone interested in learning traditional Welsh folk music can find information on the 'Clera' website: [www.sesiwn.com](http://www.sesiwn.com) ('Clera' is 'The Society for the Traditional Instruments of Wales').

Meanwhile, look out for Welsh session music springing up at pubs in and around Llantwit Major!

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## Search is on for a Digital Hero

**THE Vale MP, Alun Cairns, is calling for**

**local groups to enter the TalkTalk Digital Heroes Awards 2012, which rewards people who are using technology to help their communities.**

**The awards, now in their fifth year, have provided funding and support to 49 organisations across Britain, including various charities which have used technology to help children and youth, the homeless and people**

**with disabilities.**

**Twelve winners, one from each region of the UK – voted for by the public – will each get £5,000 to enhance their digital projects, with one overall winner getting £10,000.**

**This year, there will be an additional category for children and young people, with a top prize of £4,000 for their chosen charity and an Apple MacBook Air.**

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## Beauty Basics to sponsor local Miss Earth hopeful



LOCAL Miss Earth representative Rochelle Gough has been boosted by support from local company Beauty Basics.

The photograph (above) by GEM photographer Andy Wicks shows Beauty Basics' Sarah Brown (left) with Rochelle. The company will help her promote environmental awareness and natural beauty treatments, and also help her raise money for the 'Girls for Trees' charity.

## Search is on for pageant queens to represent Wales

THE search for 'Miss Cymru International' and 'Miss Teen Cymru International' for 2013 has already begun and local girls are being urged to apply.

The pageant, which is organised by The Joshua Foundation, will take place on January 26 at Porthcawl's Grand Pavilion, and contestants will fundraise for the charity, which provides holidays and experiences for children with cancer and their families.

The young ladies who will be crowned Miss Cymru International and Miss Teen Cymru International will then go on to compete at the Miss GB International and Miss GB Teen International final in spring 2013.

The winner will also be joined in the final by the top three contestants, top three fundraisers and top three most popular contestants.

The national director for the competition, Ben Cornelius-Price said: 'The competition not only gives these young women a platform to be ambassadors for Wales, but also gives them the opportunity to raise money for The Joshua Foundation. This year, I

am hoping that more fabulous ladies will enter, and enjoy the challenge and experience.'

Miss Cymru International is open to young women aged between 19-29 years old across Wales who have never been married or had children. They must be Welsh and should not be a current title holder of any other pageant. Miss Teen Cymru International is open to 16-18 year olds.

To enter, please visit [www.missgbinternational.com](http://www.missgbinternational.com) and complete the online application. Applications will close on November 15, 2012.

### PROMS NIGHT

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# Out and About with The GEM

**Councillors' surgery**  
COUNCILLORS will hold a community council surgery at Wick Village Hall, 6pm-7pm on Thursday, September 6. Residents can raise concerns, or suggestions about the village.

**Advice surgery**  
ELUNED PARROTT, AM for South Wales Central, will be holding two advice surgeries this week. On Friday, September 7, she will be in the cafe area of Asda Pentwyn

Superstore, 8 Dering Road, Pontprennau, 10am-11am.

Later that day, she will be at Morrisons Supermarket, Penny Way, Barry, 1pm-2pm.

Residents who have any issues of concern to them or their local community are encouraged to pop along – no appointment necessary.

## Sing Allegro

NEW ladies choral group Allegro are recommending rehearsals today, Thursday, September 6, at Albert Road Community Centre, Penarth.

Under their musical director, Ray Dibble, MBE, they have already achieved a high standard of singing. New members welcome.

## AM's surgery

WELSH Liberal Democrat Assembly Member for South Wales West, Peter Black, will be holding an advice surgery on Friday, September 7 in Pyle Life Centre from 2pm-3pm. No appointment necessary.

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For lottery information please call telephone 02920 672062.

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## Catch-Up and Play holds 'open day'

CATCH-UP and Play is a community interest company and opened in January 2012, based in the Western Vale Integrated Children's Centre.

Catch-Up and Play creates a warm welcome in a safe, happy and engaging environment.

A spokeswoman explained: "Whether you are looking for somewhere to spend quality time with your child or you need reliable childcare, we offer an affordable service that adults recommend and children enjoy."

"Our creche will be open Tuesday to Friday, 9am-12 noon from September 25."

"We are having an open day on September 18. Come along and meet the staff and have a cuppa and a cake, while the children try out our toys and activities."

For more information, go to: [www.catchupandplay.co.uk](http://www.catchupandplay.co.uk); [www.facebook.com/catchupandplay](http://www.facebook.com/Catchup.and.Play); Twitter: @catchupandplay.

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## Red Cross advice

AGE Concern Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop has invited a mobility advisor along to give advice on equipment and transport at Salem Baptist Church Hall on September 11 (10am-12 midday).

## Plaid surgery

RESIDENTS are invited to attend an advice surgery to discuss any council issues or concerns when Coun Dr Ian Johnson, Buttrills Ward, will be joined by the Plaid Cymru team at the County Library, King Square, Barry from 11am-12noon on Saturday, September 8.

No appointments are necessary.

## Worship service

THE two churches of Bonvilston (St Mary's and Zoar) are holding a 'Back to Church - All age worship Service' in the Reading Room, Bonvilston on Sunday, September 9 (3pm-4pm).

Doors open at 7pm. Bingo starts at 7.30pm prompt, followed by light refreshments. Free entry.

## Parkinson's concert

COWBRIDGE Male Voice Choir will present a concert at All Saints Church, Victoria Square, Penarth, on September 29 at 7.30pm to mark the 40th anniversary of the Cardiff branch of Parkinson's UK.

It will be the third fundraising event which this choir, under the baton of musical director Shelly Thomas Brown, has given free of charge, to enable organisers to donate more than £3,000 to Parkinson's UK.

## Vale artist's London exhibition

WORK by a Vale artist, Peter Cronin, has been selected from more than 500 submissions to appear alongside paintings by some of Britain's leading contemporary marine artists.

The exhibition will be on display at the Mall Galleries near Trafalgar Square for 12 days (October 17-28).

The annual exhibition is organised by the Royal Society of Marine Artists, and features a varied exhibition of marine art in the UK.

It is the second year in a row that Peter Cronin's work has been included in the exhibition.

For more information, go to [www.petercronin.org](http://www.petercronin.org)

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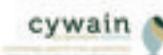
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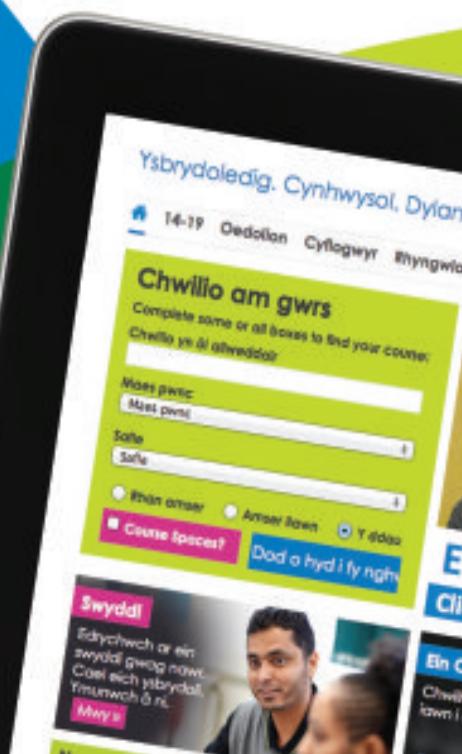
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# In Business Update



## CURTAINS AND BLINDS WITH A PERSONAL TOUCH

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## Lasting Powers of Attorney can ease your fears

**I**f you are concerned about who will manage your money or investments or make other decisions on your behalf if you are unable to manage them yourselves, 'Lasting Powers of Attorney' will certainly help.

There are two types: A Health and Welfare Lasting Power of Attorney authorises your attorney (that is, the person you choose to appoint to manage your affairs) to make decisions about your personal welfare, including accommodation and consent to carrying out or continuation of medical treatment.

A Property and Financial Affairs Lasting Power of Attorney authorises the attorney to act in relation to your property, investments and financial affairs generally.

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**R**EAX KIDS classes are starting in the week beginning September 17. Fun and interactive sessions introduce primary aged children to relaxation (£30 for six sessions).

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## Painted furniture: Stunning results!

**G**REAT news for anyone considering having their furniture painted – local decorator Sara Llewellyn is back in business and looking forward to a busy autumn.

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# In Business Update

## NEW RANGES AT HOME COMFORTS

After the long, wet summer, it's nice to see the new ranges of furniture and accessories coming into Home Comforts Furniture Warehouse.

The solid oak ranges, manufactured from stable American white oak, has all the drawers dovetail jointed and comes complete with traditional solid tongue and grooved backs and bases.

A spokesman explained: "We now have the traditional Cathedral Oak range, our French Toulon Style and the Rustic Priory Oak range to com-

pliment our new warm oak ranges of Jubilee, Coronation and Winchester ranges, all establishing themselves nicely in the market place.

"Our ever popular Lincoln, Canterbury and Salisbury solid pine ranges are also keeping up the pace with something of a revival in painted pine furniture, especially in kitchen and children's bedroom furniture. "Why not take a closer look..."

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*Joshua Pegg (left), and Tom Dryden.*

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## JOSHUA AND TOM HAVE 'CLARITY' ON THEIR CAREERS

**A** TRAINEE pilot and a rugby player are two apprentices who have opted to join the world of work straight from school, rather than go to university.

The pair have been taken on by leading Bridgend company, Clarity Copiers, as part of an initiative backed by Bridgend College and the Welsh Government.

Joshua Pegg from Porth and Tom Dryden, who lives in Margam, are both enthusiastic about the 'hands on' approach to developing their careers.

The company is based on the Crosby Industrial Estate at Wildmill, Bridgend, and has increased its workforce from just two people in 2008 to ten.

Turnover has increased in the same period from £70,000 to £1.2million.

Service engineer Phil Braxton explained that photocopiers are now very sophisticated machines, usually incor-

porated into a company's computer network. Engineers require a range of transferable skills, from engineering, through IT, to customer relations.

He said: "You're pretty much getting the equivalent of a degree once you are qualified in this job. It can take you into other areas.

"There's a new test which is industry recognised, called 'pro compita', and that's the only industry recognised qualification, so it's not just a manufacturer saying: 'this is how we strip our machines and put them back together', it is a more industry-based test recognised by other manufacturers.

He said: "I was in Treorchy Comprehensive and wanted to get a job after leaving school as I am a hands on person. I service photocopiers on site, in the office and install machines. There is also some IT work."

Phil added that it was important to bring in apprentices and train them in-house.

The company says its reputation is built on good service, a good appearance, and the ability to talk to the customer and to resolve problems.

Customer relations skills are an aspect of

the work the youngsters will be doing during day release at Bridgend College. The apprenticeship means they will qualify after two years.

### ALTERNATIVE

For 19-year-old Joshua, who is Welsh speaking, the apprenticeship is a welcome alternative to an expensive three years at university.

He is still able to devote time to his twin passions: training for his private pilot's licence and performing as a percussionist with various ensembles.

He said: "I was in Treorchy Comprehensive and wanted to get a job after leaving school as I am a hands on person. I service photocopiers on site, in the office and install machines. There is also some IT work."

Tom said the range of work was varied and cutting edge.

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Colcot Primary and St Richard Gwyn RC High School took part in the art workshops led by highly acclaimed artist David Mackie.

The children were given the opportunity to create designs and make models for the housing development, with a theme of 'woodland and its wildlife'.

These included designs for Golwg Y Coed's entrance gates, railings to the development's playground, sculptural markers and entrance features to the public footpath, which leads through

Pencoed Wood.

David Mackie said: "It was a real pleasure spending time with the children and seeing their creativity come to life. They created some fantastic designs and have given me a lot of inspiration for the final pieces of public art at Golwg Y Coed."

Sara Taylor, regional sales and marketing

director for Taylor Wimpey South Wales, added: "This project has allowed the children to get involved in the design process and make a real contribution to the pieces of public art which will benefit the whole town.

"I want to thank all the pupils who took part in the workshops for all their hard work."

## TRADING STANDARDS TACKLING UNDERAGE DRINKING

### TRADING STANDARDS

**have been tackling  
underage alcohol**

**sales in the Vale**

**during the summer**

**exam results period**

**to discourage anti-**

**social behaviour**

**among young people.**

As part of an initiative with South Wales Police to combat underage drinking, Trading Standards officers visited a number of premises across the Vale with

underage volunteers attempting to purchase alcohol.

A Vale Council spokeswoman said: "Disappointingly, 10 per cent of premises targeted were found to be breaking the law. Sellers of alcohol were issued an £80 Fixed Penalty Notice by officers.

"Anyone with information about off-licences selling alcohol to children are encouraged to phone Trading Standards on 01446 709105."

## Amelia Trust Farm weekend

THE Amelia Trust Farm on Five Mile Lane, Barry will hold a harvest festival fundraising weekend on September 15 (11am-4.30pm) and September 16 (12pm-4pm).

There will be activities for children, stalls, craft demonstrations, food, live music and other entertainments. There will be a harvest service on Sunday afternoon at 3pm.

Competition judging (Saturday, 2.30pm); Paddy the Clown (Saturday); The Amelia Trust Scratch Choir (meet at 12pm on Sunday); Dog Show (Sunday 1.30pm); Meirion Owen's Quack Pack (Sunday). Entrance is free but all donations are welcome.

For further details, contact the farm office on 01446 782030.



## LOCAL SCHOOLS HELP DESIGN ART FOR BARRY DEVELOPMENT

# Aled's joy as he lands London 2012 gold!



Aled's mum, Jackie Davies, brother, Rhys Davies, and girlfriend, Danielle Witt, with the post box painted gold in his honour in Bridgend.

## JOE THE RAM IS A SHOW STOPPER!

A PEDIGREE Poll Dorset Ram from the Kennixton Flock, based in the Vale of Glamorgan, walked away with some of the top prizes for native breed sheep at the Monmouthshire Show.

Byways 'Perfect Gift' (known at home as Joe) took first place in the class for any other native breed; he then went on to take the title of male champion, before achieving a hat trick by being judged breed champion.

Jane Bissett, Joe's owner, said: "It was like a dream with Joe gaining so many top awards. I know how special he is, but of course I may be a little biased. It was just so fantastic to have him judged against some of the best stock I've seen and to come out on top."

"Joe" is the main breeding ram of the flock and has already passed his award winning genes to his offspring. This season one of his sons and a daughter (five months old) were also placed at the Monmouthshire Show and a little closer to home, they also gained places at the Vale of Glamorgan Show.

Jane continued: "This has been a wonderful year for the flock. We even managed to get placed with the Dorset



Byways 'Perfect Gift' aka Joe the Ram.

fleeces we entered, earlier in the year, at the Royal Bath and West Show and the Royal Welsh Show. We are not a very large flock so I am delighted at the successes we have had.

"Unchanged by his achievements Joe still has that twinkle in his eye as he looks forward to his flock duties which will, hopefully, result in some more award winning lambs in the future," she added.

The Kennixton Flock is owned by Jane Bissett and Derek Frankham.

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## AGE CONCERN HOLDS SPONSORED WALK

THE Good Neighbour scheme covering Llantwit Major and the western Vale, from Age Concern Cardiff and the Vale is holding a sponsored walk on Saturday, September 8.

The proceeds will go towards the annual clients' Christmas party.

The walk is from the Llantwit Major Age Concern office to Llantwit beach and back. There will

be transport waiting at the beach for those who are unable to make the return walk. Registration takes place on the morning of the walk, at the Age Concern office from 10am.

If anyone is interested in taking part, or donating for this worthy cause, contact the coordinator, Gary Bohun, Age Concern office, 1 Commercial Street, Llantwit Major CF61 1RB, telephone 01446 795549.

## Charity supper

THERE will be a fish and chip supper on Tuesday, September 11 at 7.30pm in Llantwit Hall, Llantwit Major, in support of the mayor's charity, Age Concern, Llantwit Major.

Cost: £10 per person to include fish and chips, dessert, tea/coffee and free raffle. Phone Ros Lewis (01446 793530).

## Start of the season ends in Pencoed loss



Marc Davies.

WITH a good away support travelling to Ystalyfera from Pencoed to start the season off, spirits were high, and excitement building to get things rolling.

Within the first 20 minutes, you could see

how the game would pan out with Pencoed trying to play and Ystalyfera wanting to control the game.

After the 20-minute mark, the sides began to play better. With a bad start from Pencoed and good pressure from the home team, the score was opened by Ystalyfera.

A good physical try from Gareth Prentice got Pencoed back into it. Again, Pencoed missed passes and catches to give the home team more points, to bring a 24-7 score at the end of the first half.

Pencoed had a good

talking to at half-time and were out of the blocks, scoring from a Marc Davies try and conversion to bring the score to 24-14.

With a few penalties going both ways and

YSTALYFERA PENCOED FIRSTS

39  
17



Lewis Jenkins' first run out for the Firsts!



Gareth Prentice with his try.

## Local farmer is sent to jail

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Adams, he said, had never said sorry personally, though he had written him a letter.

Earlier, defence counsel Jeremy Jenkins said: "Adams has a realistic attitude to what the sentence will be. He acknowledges his driving fell well below required standards."

People who knew him, he said, spoke highly of him.

"The shame he has brought on himself and his family lies heavily, and it will continue, especially in a close-knit community such as the Vale. It is unlikely he will drive on a public road again."

"This is a day to be remembered by him and his family."

## Food Co-op at church

A Food Co-op is a simple system through which people can access affordable, quality fresh fruit, vegetables and salad on a weekly basis at a local community venue.

A spokesman for Llanharry Parish Church explained: "Each fresh produce bag costs £2.50. Run by volunteers on a not-for-profit basis, customers order and pay in advance before picking up their produce the following week."

"Llanharry Food Co-op is open every Friday from 1pm-2pm in St Illtyd's Church Hall. "

"STICKS Messy Church" is a fun monthly event for all the family that runs on the last Saturday of every month from 10am-11.30am in St Illtyd's Church Hall.

The event includes breakfast, craft activities, music, games and bible stories. No entry fee but donations gratefully received – please note that we cannot accept unaccompanied children. Everyone is welcome!

# THE VALE SHOW OFFERS VISITORS AN ARRAY OF TREATS AND SPECTACLES

THE Vale Show at Fonmon Castle on August 22, took advantage of the reasonable weather to provide visitors with an array of exhibits to get their teeth into.

These photographs by GEM reader Heather Match show the varied treats on offer, from the cattle, sheep and horse shows to the various dignitaries present.

There were plenty of horticulture and produce displays, too, with many (naughty) delights available to purchase and devour.



ABOVE: Mrs Enid Thomas with past show presidents Capt Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards and Mr John Arnott.



ABOVE: Master Jacky Thomas blows the Glamorgan Hounds into the ring.



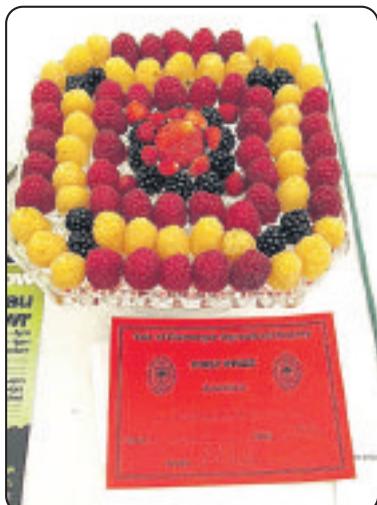
ABOVE: A happy winner.



ABOVE: A glass of local wine from Llanbleddian.



The elegant Fonmon Castle stand.



ABOVE: A winner in the horticultural section.



Show host Sir Brooke Boothby with show president Mrs Fiona Martyn.

**Pictures by Heather March**



Life member Mr John Arnott with show chairman Mr Rob Llewellyn and show president Mrs Fiona Martyn.

## WINNERS OF AWARDS FOR WILDLIFE ANNOUNCED AT THE VALE SHOW

THE winners of the Awards for Wildlife competition were presented with their trophies at the Vale of Glamorgan Show.

CLASS 1: Projects by schools, colleges or other education centres: 1st – Cadoxton Nursery School; 2nd – Bute Cottage Nursery School; 3rd – Cogan Nursery School. Highly commended – All Saints C/W Primary School.

The judge commented: "All entries deserved a special congratulation this year, not only for providing fantastic havens for wildlife, but also for coping so admirably with the dismal summer. The unseasonable rain and wind is having such a damaging impact on native wildlife, making the school ground nature reserves even more important for wildlife."

"Many schools visited demonstrated how they have made the very most of their space for wildlife and outdoor learning, whilst other grounds showed great

opportunity and ambition, which is very encouraging.

"It is very rewarding when judging school grounds to see past recommendations being put into practice and so happily adopted by schools and their pupils.

The dedication of staff to create and maintain these wildlife areas is paving the way for a brighter, where wildlife and wildlife habitats is truly appreciated.

"All entries should be very proud of the nature reserves they have created in their school grounds and the conservation work they have done for local wildlife in the Vale of Glamorgan."

### Cadoxton

#### Nursery

"The school stood out this year for the way in which they have utilised all aspects of the school grounds to create habitats for wildlife and opportunities for children to learn about wildlife."

"Wildlife and wildlife habitats on the school

grounds are part of everyday children's activities, which was clearly demonstrated on the day.

Enthusiastic and eager children were able to identify various invertebrates and showed real delight in finding new species and learning about them.

"Important wildlife habitats such as ponds, dense scrub and woodland have been connected to each other by hedgerows and rough grassland areas, which are providing even more habitat and helping invertebrates move around the school grounds more freely and in turn provide food for other wildlife such as hedgehogs and breeding birds."

"Breeding birds and invertebrates will also benefit considerably by the large area of bramble scrub, which is allowed to encroach into the play area from the adjacent land."

"Often bramble scrub is the first habitat to disappear because it looks too unsightly. Here, bramble is actively encouraged and

used as part of everyday learning and accepted and important habitat."

"As well as natural and created habitats the school has numerous other features, including nest boxes, log piles and bug hotels, which children helped create provide important tools to learning about wildlife."

"Of particular interest has been the creation of the small meadow to the front of the school, where longer grass and other flowering plants have been allowed to flourish and goes to further demonstrate how the school is an excellent example of what can be achieved in a relatively small urban area."

CLASS 2: Projects by voluntary groups or industrial or commercial business, including farms: Winner – Cwmtalwg Woodlands Residents Association.

"I was very impressed with this magnificent woodland site when I first judged the competition in 2010. I placed the Cwmtalwg Woodlands

Residents Group first then and I have no hesitation in doing so again in 2012."

"Unfortunately, time was against us once again and it was not possible to visit all three elements of the woods. However, it is still clear that the Cwmtalwg Woodlands Residents Group (CWRG) has put both community utility and wildlife at the very heart of their activities."

"Community involvement and engagement within the woodland reserve is evident and was perfectly illustrated by the anecdote of how part of the woodland's path network was rerouted to better reflect the needs and use by the local community, while the former route was left to re-colonise naturally. The wood's wildlife has benefited through the maintenance and encouragement of natural diversity rather than 'gardening'."

"The CWRG do an excellent job that I hope continues long into the future," the judge concluded.



ABOVE: Young people showed Holstein calves under 12 months old.

# Stiller and Vaughn's comedy is hardly worth Watch-ing

**A**LIENS are invariably a tough little race. In the last 12 months they've fought with cowboys, torn Michael Fassbender's head clean off and battled against the might of the Avengers; but they are still coming back for more.

This time, though, they may have bitten off more than they can chew in the shape of a neighbourhood watch team!

In *The Watch*, Ben Stiller, Jonah Hill, Vince Vaughn and Britain's own Richard Ayoade are the titular group, formed to give them something to do in their sleepy suburb. However, the group may be humanity's last hope when they find themselves matched up against some visitors from outer space who are anything but friendly...

Chances are if you've seen any comedy film starring either Ben Stiller, Vince Vaughn or Jonah Hill in the last two years then *The Watch* will hardly take you by surprise; throw in a tired plot about alien invasion

and a bunch of well-intentioned, if misguided, individuals trying to stop it and it will take you even less by surprise, the film feeling like a tired, seen-it-all-before piece that offers very little in the way of freshness or cutting edge.

Given that the film was written by Seth Rogen and Evan Goldberg (behind the likes of *Superbad* and *Pineapple Express*) along with Jared Stern, you would expect the film to be hugely funny while harking back to the staple genres that they grew up with, much like their previous work; however save for a few moments that raise laughs, you will be unmoved by the comedy on show, the gags lazily written and unfocused.

The cast were seemingly also allowed to improvise on set but that heralds even less comedy gold, the stars simply rehashing their public personas on the screen, all too familiar to fans of their work, while newcomer Ayoade, while certainly an amusing performer, simply resorts to the same basic level as his co-stars.

The performances are no better with all of

the stars delivering the most perfunctory of turns brought back from past glories – Stiller echoing his *Night At The Museum* character, Vaughn echoing his turn in *Old School* and Hill returning to his role in *21 Jump Street*.

A *Saturday Night Live* alumna, Akiva Schaffer, takes the director's chair for the first time since the hidden gem that is *Hot Rod*, but while the budget is bigger, the direction is weaker. Certainly he throws in some nice visual tics and doesn't show a lack of confidence in terms of using the budget, but it feels a little underdone stylistically.

His handle of comedy direction works despite the shortcomings of the cast, but the scale of the film isn't emphasized by the director.

The overwhelming feeling of *The Watch* is that of talented people pooling their resources to make something to satisfy themselves rather than the audience. Certainly some people may find the film funny and enjoy watching the cast riff on their personas, but it all feels incredibly tired, lazy and lackluster – on that basis, *The Watch* is a film that certainly isn't worth watching!

**VERDICT** – A misfiring big-budget comedy that fails to hit the funny bone, *The Watch* is a lazily produced film that simply sees talented performers going through the motions for a large pay packet. All involved are capable of so much more, but here offer very little. *Poor*.

**SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED:** *Horrible Bosses* (2011), *Pineapple Express* (2008),



by GARETH JAMIESON

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## PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

# Ramblers enjoy the sights and sounds of village life

**A**UGUST Bank Holiday was rained off, so the planned walk by Penarth and District Ramblers took place one day later, when six walkers joined Joy at Rhoose railway station before they headed inland through Rhoose village and around the western side of Cardiff International Airport to reach the *Highwayman Inn*.

By lane and harvested fields, they passed under the B4265 towards Penmark and had to be very careful not to tread on a variety of chickens that were running freely along the footpath before heading downhill through the boggy River Waycock valley to Pen-onn, which was the birthplace of Iolo Morganwg or Ned of Glamorgan, famed for the part he played in Welsh literature and the revival of Bardic traditions leading to what has become the National Eisteddfod.

Reaching Llancarfan via a quiet lane, they enjoyed morning coffee at the pretty St Cadoc's Church before going inside. After King Henry V111 split with Rome, Papal influence was frowned upon and in order to encourage Protestant reform, all decorative pictures of culture and belief were, by order of the King, whitewashed out.

With care and patience, ochre wall paintings were discovered under at least 20 layers of whitewash inside the church and are extremely beautiful.

Having walked along beside the Nant Llancarfan River with its pretty ford, the group climbed up through fields, past the new green-roofed anaerobic digester and made their way to Llanbetherwy which consists of one main road and is situated on a plateau between the Thaw and Nant Llancarfan valleys.

Some old stone stiles and fields still containing crops were navigated before the group reached Llancaclade for a well-earned lunch in glorious warm sunshine.

A path led upwards through Castle Wood to Fonmon estate land which had been cleared following the recent Vale Show and having passed the duck pond at Fonmon, the group headed down to the coast via the thatched Blue Anchor which has

been an inn since 1380.

There were Roman settlements along this coastline, but during the 16th century a small thriving harbour was in evidence at Aberthaw which no doubt was involved in the smuggling trade that was rife along the Bristol Channel.

The course of the River Thaw, that passes between east and west Aberthaw, was changed when Aberthaw Power Station was built during the 1960s.

Circumnavigating the lake at Pleasant Harbour, the group paused on the Wales coast path by the sea defence wall for refreshments and gazed at the salt lagoons and across to the hazy Somerset coastline.

Avoiding the temptation to stay, they crossed the salt flats, ascended cliff steps to Fontygary Caravan Park and made their return past the old limestone quarry and fields at Rhoose Point after passing through a total of seven villages.

On September 8, a change in the programme, meet at 9.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 7-mile easy/moderate walk at Magor and Penhow; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

On September 9, meet at 8am at Cogan for a 16-mile hard walk at Pen y Gadair Fawr, Waun Fach and Table Mountain; contact William on 01446 747239.

Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

JOY STRANGWARD

## Welsh language centre

A PUBLIC meeting to discuss the establishment of a Welsh language centre for the Vale of Glamorgan will be held on Thursday, September 13 at 6pm in the Mount Sorrel Hotel, Porthkerry Road, Barry.

The project, which is using the working title 'Ty Cadog', is aimed at acquiring a building in the centre of Barry as the largest town in the county, that could provide a range of opportunities for the public to use their Welsh in informal situations, such as a café, bookshop etc.

The Ty Cadog website is: [www.tycadog.org](http://www.tycadog.org)

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# Take part in the 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' with Macmillan

To celebrate Macmillan Cancer Support's 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning', Oscars Restaurant in Cowbridge has provided two mouth-watering recipes to encourage people to get involved.

The recipes come courtesy of executive chef, John Cook, and the head chef, Gareth Chivell.

Both Oscars' restaurants, in Cowbridge and Cardiff, are supporting Macmillan Cancer Support's big day this year.

A recipe for apricot, honey and toasted coconut flapjack:

Ingredients: 500g oat flakes; 500g butter; 170g golden syrup; 330g demerara sugar; 25g desiccated coconut, toasted; 25g dried apricots, chopped; 25g clear honey.

Method: Melt the butter, sugar, honey and golden syrup over a medium heat until well combined.

Remove from the heat, and stir in oat flakes, apricots and toasted coconut until well combined. Pour the mixture into greaseproof lined tray (approximately 23x32cm).

Bake at 150/gas mark 3 for 20-25 minutes.

Pineapple and carrot cake with cream cheese frosting:

Ingredients: 225ml sunflower oil; 275g soft brown sugar; one vanilla pod; four medium eggs; 300g plain flour; two teaspoons bicarbonate of soda; two teaspoons ground cinnamon; three medium carrots, peeled and grated; 425g fresh crushed pineapple; 100g sultanas.



ABOVE: Supporting Macmillan's coffee morning are staff at Oscars in Cowbridge. From left to right: Ian Griffiths; Gareth Chivell; Charmaine Giudici; Kern Ferreira-Nayler; Atif Tahir; Lloyd Jerwood; Richard Jones and Gethin Davies.



Members of the Glamorgan cricket team are delighted to be backing the coffee morning in order to raise money for people affected by cancer.

For the frosting: six tablespoons cream cheese; 75g butter, softened; 200g icing sugar.

Method:

- Heat the oven to 180/Gas mark 4.
- Grease and line a shallow baking tray (approximately 23x32cm).

Put the eggs, oil, brown sugar and vanilla into a large mixing bowl and break the eggs with a whisk.

Sift in the flour, bicarbonate of soda and cinnamon. Stir well with a wooden spoon.

Mix in the grated carrots, sultanas and pineapple. Pour into the baking tray and level out. Bake for 45 minutes to one hour.

For the cream cheese frosting combine the cheese, softened butter and icing sugar to a smooth consistency.

If you want to get involved in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning, to help people affected by cancer, sign up and get your free 'Coffee Morning Kit' at: [macmillan.org.uk/make-time](http://macmillan.org.uk/make-time); or 0845 070 1317; or text COFFEE to 88080.

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# VALE MAYOR'S WELCOME FOR 200 DUTCH WALKERS



## CAB calls for help over expensive school uniforms

THE Vale of Glamorgan Citizens Advice Bureau says that cash-strapped local parents are being put under pressure by school uniform policies.

The organisation says that too many schools still insist that uniform items can only be bought from an exclusive supplier, instead of letting parents take advantage of cheaper deals from supermarkets and high street chains.

The CAB says that some even compel parents to buy items from the school itself – often

at twice the price they might pay for the same clothing elsewhere – with profits going towards school funds.

The chief executive of Vale of Glamorgan CAB, Jane Clay, said: "As hundreds of young people prepare to return to school this September, we're seeing more and more families struggling with how they are going to cope with the high costs of school uniforms and kit."

"In such economically pressured times, schools should help struggling families keep costs down."

"We want schools to make uniforms available from a wide selec-

tion of suppliers, or offer iron-on and sew-on badges as options. As many families have

to turn to local charities for help (or risk their children facing discipline for not having the correct uniform), we'd like to see more local authorities provide school uniform grants for those in financial need."

Citizens Advice research shows that while more than 40 per cent of local authorities are continuing to provide school uniform grants, nearly 60 per cent are not.

The Citizens Advice Adding Up campaign shows how schools can help families by following five recession-busting tips:

- Make sure uniforms are available from a range of outlets rather than one sole supplier.

- Offer sew-on badges that can be put on plain clothing.

- Encourage recycling or swap schemes.
- Go for colours that can be carried over from one school to the next.

- Appoint a governor to keep a check on the affordability of parental expenditure.

Jane Clay added: "Vale of Glamorgan CAB saw a parent recently who, with five dependent children, could not afford to pay for her child's school uniform."

"Although the family are in receipt of a low income, they did not qualify for the Welsh Assembly grant available. Even if they had, the grant would not have covered the whole cost of the uniform and would only cover her children when they transferred schools."

For more information/advice contact: Vale of Glamorgan CAB, 119 Broad Street, Barry, 0844 477 2020.

## Reader's vision for Cemetery Approach

TO my knowledge, the public open space at Cemetery Approach has been ignored and neglected for at least the last 35 to 40 years, and now the Vale council is asking people to put their suggestions forward for this sensitive area.

I strongly suggest that we are being guided into the idea of transforming the eastern side of Cemetery Approach into allotments (even by our local councillors of Gibbonsdown). This will not only cost the council hundreds of thousands of pounds, it is sacrifice in this day and age to cut down over 100 healthy trees.

Where would the allotment holders park, as there are no parking areas for the present allotment holders?

Steps should be taken to improve the natural beauty of this special area, and to protect the local wildlife that has made this area their home over the years of our neglect. This includes 14 species of birds (including bats)

and frogs, toads, newts and slow worms (a protected species) just to name a few.

The eastern side of Cemetery Approach should be converted into a unique urban wildlife centre, with pathways and benches around the area, bird nest boxes fitted to trees, and a wildlife pond in the centre.

Selected shrubs and bushes would supply the birds with food throughout the seasons.

A wildlife centre could be open to the public and provide educational opportunities for local schools.

On Cemetery Approach roadway, the missing trees in the centre of the road should be replaced, and there should be raised flower beds surrounding the trees.

The south side of Cemetery Approach should be a garden of remembrance with open spaces, benches and flowering shrubs and bushes, with the possibility of a cafeteria or florist on the corner opposite the cemetery gates. This area could be overseen by the cemetery staff.

Bryn Evans, Barry

## XFOR issues 50 penalties

LOCAL authority support company XFOR issued 50 Fixed Penalty Notices in the Vale during the week commencing August 27.

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## Back to School Bash and a Bandstand Marathon set for park

THIS weekend sees Victoria Park, Barry, host two great events to finish the summer with a bang!

On Saturday September 8, it's the 'Back to School Bash', fun, games and music in the park on behalf of Ty Hafan Children's Hospice.

The fun starts at 1pm on Saturday with the fantastic DJ Stirling. Get some music and dance lessons from the best in the business.

During the dancing there will be a fancy dress competition for children 10 and under – every child in fancy dress gets a chance to win a free bouncy castle for their next birthday! Prize kindly donated by Peter from Triassic Towers.

### Drivers, think of others!

**D**ISABLED residents in Dinas Powys are suffering from the thoughtlessness of car drivers who are parking on 'dropped' curbs in the village.

The result is that wheelchair and scooter users are denied an easy and 'bump free' journey when crossing roads.

Parking in Dinas Powys is becoming more and more difficult. A little consideration for those less fortunate residents would be appreciated.

Mrs B Dean, Dinas Powys

Paralympic Games.

At 2.30pm, folk group 'Seafall' change the mood a little with an electric and acoustic set. Then it's the return of the Vale Voices Choir, together with their dynamic conductor Dot Connell. They were a big hit at the monsoon-ravaged Voices in the Park concert in early August.

Finally, to finish the weekend off in a suitably over the top way it's Elvis! Well, it's Matt as Elvis. One of the best tribute acts in town will rock the weekend to a big finish in the incomparable style of 'The King'.

Park manager Jon Greatrex said: "It may be September but it doesn't mean that summer is over yet. With the Barry Brass Band starting proceedings off at 1.30pm, 2pm sees the official playing of the bandstand theme, 'Viva La Vida' by Coldplay.

More than 200 other bands in bandstands across the country will also be playing this song at the same time to coincide with the finale of the

**PACT meetings**  
CADOC PACT: September 12 at 28 Gibbonsdown Rise at 10.30am.

COURT PACT: September 19 at Ilminster Scouts Hall at 6pm.

WENVOE PACT: Coffee and chat meeting, September 11 at the Wenvoe Arms at 11am.

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Bob dydd Mercher, 5-6pm, Dechrau: 19/09/12  
Blynnyddoedd: 3 i 6

**Clwb Badminton yn Neuadd Chwaraeon Ysgol Pen-y-Garth**

Bob dydd Iau, 5-6pm, Dechrau: 20/09/12  
Blynnyddoedd: Derbyn i 6

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# VALE OF GLAMORGAN SHOW RESULTS 2012

**CLASS 23:** Heifer in milk. Any breed other than Holstein

First – MA Webber & K Rickard, Castle Farm, Bishton, Newport. Second – Caroline Morgan, Lower House Farm, Llanvair, Discoed, Chepstow.

Third – E Reader & Son, Goldsland Farm, Wenvoe.

**The GAH Samuel Memorial Perpetual Challenge Bowl for the winner of the Championship**

Winner – Caroline Morgan, Lower House Farm, Llanvair, Discoed, Chepstow.

Reserve – MA Webber & K Rickard, Castle Farm, Bishton, Newport.

**CLASS 24: Interbreed production and inspection class (NMR & CIS)**

First – RM Louther & Son, Tytgantwst Farm, Pyle. Second – VJ Price & Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan, Vale of Glamorgan.

Third – RM Louther & Son, Tytgantwst Farm, Pyle.

**The Spillers Perpetual Challenge Cup**

Winner – RM Louther & Son, Tytgantwst Farm, Pyle.

**CLASS 25: Best pair of dairy females, owned and shown by the same exhibitor**

First – VJ Price & Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan, Vale of Glamorgan.

Second – Caroline Morgan, Lower House Farm, Llanvair, Discoed, Chepstow.

Third – MA Webber & K Rickard, Castle Farm, Bishton, Newport.

**Bill Francis Memorial Challenge Trophy for the best pair of dairy females**

Winner – VJ Price & Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan, Vale of Glamorgan.

**CLASS 26: Group of Three Dairy Cattle, owned and shown by the same exhibitor**

First – VJ Price & Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan, Vale of Glamorgan.

Second – RM Louther & Son, Tytgantwst Farm, Pyle.

Third – Clive Thomas, Dros y Mor Farm, St Donats, Llantwit Major.

**The Corporation of Cowbridge Perpetual Challenge Bowl for the best group of dairy cattle**

Winner – VJ Price & Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan, Vale of Glamorgan.

**Overall Dairy Championships**

**The TJ Yorwerth Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup for the best dairy cow or heifer in the show**

Winner – VJ Price & Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan, Vale of Glamorgan.

Runner up – Caroline Morgan, Lower House Farm, Llanvair, Discoed, Chepstow.

**The Wyndham Ivor Radcliffe Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup for the best exhibitor in the cattle classes**

Winner – VJ Price & Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan, Vale of Glamorgan.

**Calf Handling**

**CLASS 27: 12 and under on the day of the show, calf 12 months and under – any breed**

First – VJ Price & Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan, Vale of Glamorgan (Hebe Thomas).

Second – MT Rees, Upper Park Farm, Laleston.

Third – Clive Thomas, Dros y Mor Farm, St Donats, Llantwit Major (Rebecca Thomas).

**The Glamorgan Farm Supplies Trophy**

Winner – VJ Price & Son,

Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan, Vale of Glamorgan (Hebe Thomas).

**CLASS 28: 13-18 on the day of the show. Calf 12 months and under – any breed**

First – RP & KJ Granville, Gelli Farm, Cefn Cribbwyr, Bridgend (Beth Granville).

Second – VJ Price & Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan, Vale of Glamorgan (Poppy Davies).

**The PJ Llewellyn Perpetual Challenge Cup**

Winner – RP & KJ Granville, Gelli Farm, Cefn Cribbwyr, Bridgend (Beth Granville).

**CLASS 29: 19-26 on the day of the show. Calf 18 months and under – any breed**

First – MA Webber & K Rickard, Castle Farm, Bishton, Newport (Sian Webber).

Second – RP & KJ Granville, Gelli Farm, Cefn Cribbwyr, Bridgend (Kate Granville).

Third – VJ Price & Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan, Vale of Glamorgan.

**The WJ Bassett Perpetual Challenge Trophy**

Winner – MA Webber & K Rickard, Castle Farm, Bishton, Newport (Sian Webber).

## Horses

### Ridden Hunters

**CLASS 64: Small Hunter, Mare or Gelding, four years old or over**

First – Miss Rachel Thomas, Brynhaulog, Bryncethin (Sherkhan).

Second – Mr AA Bowen & Ms Hall Richards, Tyla Morris Farm, Briton Ferry (Shyboni Déjà Vu).

**CLASS 65: Lightweight Hunter, Mare or Gelding, four years old or over, capable of carrying 12 stone 7lbs and under**

First – Mr & Mrs WP Bowdler, Elba Street, Gowerton, Swansea (Rothwell).

Second – Mrs Rose Morgan, Penybont Farm, Kidwelly (Main Man).

Third – Mr & Mrs M Price, Seagulls, Wentloog, Newport (Ballykett Star).

**CLASS 66: Middleweight Hunter, Mare or Gelding, four years old or over, capable of carrying 12 stone 7lbs, not exceeding 14 stone**

First – Miss A Collins, Horsehill Farm, Sturminster Newton (Bottom Grove Bazel).

Second – Malcolm Rosser, Paxford Farm, Llansamlet (Kings Pride).

Third – S Cushion, Glan y Nant, Tondu, Bridgend (Penloge Magical Moments).

**CLASS 67: Heavyweight Hunter, Mare or Gelding, four years old or over, capable of carrying 14 stone and over**

First – Miss C Prosser, Sluice House Farm, Peterstone Wentloog (Spring Lancer).

Second – Malcolm Rosser, Paxford Farm, Llansamlet (Paxford Venture).

### Champion

**The Class Windows Perpetual Challenge Trophy**

Winner – Miss A Collins, Horsehill Farm, Sturminster Newton (Bottom Grove Bazel).

Reserve – Miss Rachel Thomas, Brynhaulog, Bryncethin (Sherkhan).

**Unaffiliated Hunter Classes**

**CLASS 68: Open Local Hunter, four years old and over (need not be registered with the society) to be confined to horses, resident within a 20-mile radius of the**

### showground

First – Mr & Mrs M Price, Seagulls, Wentloog, Newport (Ballykett Star).

Second – R Thomas, Flemington Court, Barry (Sleep).

Third – Mrs J Bissett, Tydu Farm, Capel Llanilarne, Cardiff (Cloomo Doneen Condor).

**The Dan Radcliffe Perpetual Challenge Cup**

Winner – Mr & Mrs M Price, Seagulls, Wentloog, Newport (Ballykett Star).

**CLASS 69: Open Working Hunter, four years old and over exceeding 148cms. Mare or gelding**

First – Jake Harris, West Hall, West Aberthaw (Wally).

Second – R Thomas, Flemington Court (Todda).

Third – R Thomas, Flemington Court (Sleep).

**The Bridgend Glazing and Silvering Co LTD Perpetual Challenge Trophy**

Winner – Jake Harris, West Hall, W. Aberthaw, Barry (Wally).

### Riding Horses

**CLASS 70: The Tattersalls and RoR Thorobred Ridden Show Horse Class**

First – Miss Rachel Thomas, Brynhaulog, Bryncethin (Sherkhan).

Second – Laura Grey, Awel y Bryn, Llanwensan, Pontyclun (Gray Knight).

Third – R Birt Llewellyn, Little Haven, Haverfordwest (Mad King Oskar).

**Principality Building Society Perpetual Challenge Cup**

Winner – Miss Rachel Thomas, Brynhaulog, Bryncethin (Sherkhan).

**CLASS 71: The Re-Trained Racehorse Challenge**

First – Miss Rachel Thomas, Brynhaulog, Bryncethin (Sherkhan).

Second – Laura Grey, Awel Y Bryn, Llanwensan, Pontyclun (Gray Knight).

Third – R Thomas, Flemington Court (Pontiguen).

**CLASS 72: Open Riding Horse**

First – Hayley Gill, Maison Rouge, Gilboa Road, Newbridge (Diamond Be).

Second – Miss P Penbridge, Meadow Farm, Llanharry (Illegal Punts).

Third – Mrs Y Withey, Westwoods, Caswell Bay, Swansea (Mumbles Alexander Dancer).

**The John & Sarah Cory Perpetual Challenge Cup**

Winner – Hayley Gill, Maison Rouge, Gilboa Road, Newbridge (Diamond Be).

Second – Miss P Penbridge, Meadow Farm, Llanharry (Illegal Punts).

Third – Mrs Y Withey, Westwoods, Caswell Bay, Swansea (Mumbles Alexander Dancer).

**CLASS 73: Ladies Side Saddle**

First – AGW Davies, Tai Arfrynn, Broadlands, Bridgend (Little Flash).

Second – Mrs P Yeoman, Roswen, Coity (Bondleigh Seren Fach).

Third – Tanya Guest, Abotts Close, Margam.

**Great House Vase**

Winner – AGW Davies, Tai Arfrynn, Broadlands, Bridgend – ridden by Hannah Davies (Iō) (Little Flash).

**Cobs**

**CLASS 74: Open Cob, Mare or Gelding, four years old and over, exceeding 148cms and not exceeding 155cms to be ridden. Riders any age**

First – Mr AA Bowen, Tyla Morris Farm, Briton Ferry (Finn).

Second – G Roberts, Pwll y Felin Farm, Blackmill, Bridgend (Seion Hywel Dda).

**The Mr and Mrs Christopher**

**Cory Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the Best Ridden Cob.**

Winner – Mr AA Bowen, Tyla Morris Farm, Briton Ferry (Finn).

**Children's Riding Ponies**

**CLASS 75: Leading Rein Pony, Mare or Gelding, four years old and over. Not exceeding 122cms. Rider not to have attained their eighth birthday before January 1 in the current year. Qualifier for Direct Leading Rein Pony Championship**

First – E Courtney Roberts, Pleasant Villas, Pontardulais (Cosford Charming).

Second – Miss C Prosser, Sluice House Farm, Peterstone Wentloog (Cefnwyd Christie).

Third – S Alldridge, Park Street, Maesteg (Dani).

**The Prince of Wales Investiture Perpetual Challenge Cup.** Presented by the chairman and members of the former Cowbridge RDC for the Best Leading Rein Pony

Winner – E Courtney Roberts, Pleasant Villas, Pontardulais (Cosford Charming).

**The Menai Prince Charming Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the winner of the Mini Show Pony Championship**

Winner/champ – E Courtney Roberts, Pleasant Villas, Pontardulais (Cosford Charming).

Reserve – Miss C Prosser, Sluice House Farm, Peterstone Wentloog (Cefnwyd Christie).

**Working Hunter Ponies**

**CLASS 77: The BSPS Mixed Height Novice Working Hunter Ponies**

First – AGW Davies, Tai Arfrynn, Broadlands, Bridgend (Beechpark Molly).

Second – Laura Grey, Awel Y Bryn, Llanwensan, Pontyclun (Gray Knight).

Third – AGW Davies, Tai Arfrynn, Broadlands, Bridgend (Beechpark Molly).

**CLASS 78: The BSPS Mixed Height Open Working Hunter Ponies.**

First – Hanna Bertorelli, Pencoed Farm, Bryncethin (Rosebud).

Second – R Thomas, Flemington Court (Pontiguen).

Third – AGW Davies, Tai Arfrynn, Broadlands, Bridgend (Beechpark Molly).

**WHP Championship – The Glamorgan GEM Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the Best Working Hunter Pony in Class 77 & 78**

First – Hanna Bertorelli, Pencoed Farm, Bryncethin (Rosebud).

Second – AGW Davies, Tai Arfrynn, Broadlands, Bridgend (Beechpark Molly).

**CLASS 79: Mountain & Moorland Open Rein mare or gelding, four years old and over. Ponies not to exceed 122cm. Riders not to have attained their ninth birthday before January 1 in the current year**

First – Mrs P Faulkner, Bridge Farm, Crucorney, Abergavenny (Rhydgrug Peter Pan).

Second – E Matthews, Ty Hen Treo, Bridgend (Gwyddil Nightjar).

Third – E Courtney Roberts, Pleasant Villas, Pontardulais (Rosmarche Harlequin).

**MT Morgan Cup presented to the winner of Class 79**

Winner – Mrs P Faulkner, Bridge Farm, Crucorney, Abergavenny (Rhydgrug Peter Pan).

**CLASS 80: Mountain & Moorland Open Heritage First Ridden Mare or Gelding, four years old and over, not exceeding 128cm. Riders not to have attained their 12th birthday before January 1 in the current year**

First – Mrs P Faulkner, Bridge Farm, Crucorney, Abergavenny (Rhydgrug Peter Pan).

Second – Mrs J Bissett, Tydu Farm, Capel Llanilarne, Cardiff (Crossfield Socks).

**CLASS 81: BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Working Hunter Pony. Ponies four years old or over exceeding 138cms. Riders any age**

First – Miss Rachel Thomas, Brynhaulog, Bryncethin (River Valley Tyron).

Second – Beth Granville, Gelli Farm, Cefn Cribbwyr, Bridgend (Crossfield Socks).

**CLASS 82: BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Ridden Class. Registered pure bred Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland and Welsh section A ponies four years old or over. Riders any age**

First – Mrs P Faulkner, Bridge Farm, Crucorney, Abergavenny (Pendock Partytime).

**Coloured Classes**

**CLASS 88: Open Youngstock Qualifier. One, two or three-year-olds. No foals**

First – Mrs A Salter, Scurlage Castle Stud, Port Eynon (Maesmand Jack Daniels).

**Championship**

Champion – Miss Rachel Thomas, Brynhaulog, Bryncethin (River Valley Tyron).

Reserve – Mrs A Salter, Scurlage Castle Stud, Port Eynon (Maesmand Jack Daniels).

**Coloured Classes**

**CLASS 89: Open In-hand Qualifier. Any height, age or type. No foals**

First – Mrs K Jones, Garth Uchaf Farm, Llanharan (Biscuit).

Second – Mrs R Bishop, 31 Pensarn Way, Henllys, Cwmbran (Shemika Snip).

Third – Aly Lynch, Elwyn Street, Coedely, Tonypandy (Rough Diamond).

**CLASS 90: Open Ridden Qualifier. Any type, any height**

First – WH Williams & Son, Dolau Ifan Ddu Farm, Blackmill (Abbeylands Picasso).

Second – A Dooley, Gallt Y Ddrudwen, Bridgend (Minty).

Third – Mrs C Bradshaw, Brackla (Roheryn Arien).

**Championship**

Perpetual Championship Trophy presented by M & Cuddy

Winner – WH Williams & Son, Dolau Ifan Ddu Farm, Blackmill (Abbeylands Picasso).

Reserve – Mrs K Jones, Garth Uchaf Farm, Llanharan (Biscuit).

**Welsh Mountain Ponies**

**CLASS 91: Welsh Mountain Pony Yearling**

First – S & M Coulthard, Tyr Hen Forwyn, Hafodyrwns (Llanfrechfa Valentine).

Second – Gail Butler, Church Terrace, St. Mary Church (Parcarrig Iolyn).

Third – Steven Roberts, Cartref, Pontypridd (Ffordd Ddu).

**CLASS 92: Welsh Mountain Pony, two or three years old**

First – S Williams, Church Terrace, St Mary Church (Rhesiar Me Julie).

Second – Ryan Wilson, Ruskin House, Miskin (Ceulain Caryn).

Third – Mrs SL Mason, Ty Cae Mawr Farm, Pontypridd (Gelliniog Cracker Jack).

**CLASS 93: Novice Welsh Mountain Pony Brood Mare, four years old or over, that has never won a first prize in a brood mare class**

First – WK & AE Hughes, Dunvant Road, Three Crosses (Bryn Odyn Seren Haf).

**CLASS 94: Welsh Mountain Pony, Mare or Gelding, four years old or over**

First – S & M Coulthard, Tyr Hen Forwyn, Hafodyrwns (Llanfrechfa Princess).

Second – Emma Fifield, Mill Heath, Bettws, Newport (Tryfei Tarau).

Third – A Paddock & LC Motton, Port Road, Wenvoe (Ty Y Waun Paullia).

**CLASS 95: Welsh Mountain Pony Foal**

First – WK & AE Hughes, Dunvant Road, Three Crosses (Bryn Odyn Sprig).

**CLASS 96: Welsh Mountain Pony Stallion, four years old or over**

First – Mr R Donati & Miss B Cooper, Gwrosfa, Pontyclun (Ceulain Calon Lan).

Second – Mrs SL Mason, Ty Cae Mawr Farm, Pontypridd (Rhydwilliam Duke).

**Mama.**

Second – Mr M Emanuel, Penselli Farm, Llanfabon, Nelson (Westcelyn Heart Of Gold).

Third – K Pritchard/R. Maynard c/o, Rudy Mews, Carephilly (Brynteg Blue Diamond).

**Summerhaze**

Winner – LJ Evans, Sker Walk, Porthcawl (Comarch Bahama Mama).

**CLASS 89: Open In-hand Qualifier. Any height, age or type. No foals**

# VALE OF GLAMORGAN SHOW RESULTS 2012

The Brynheulog Perpetual Challenge Cup, given by the late Mrs Matthew Williams, for Best Welsh Mountain Pony Mare

Winner – S & M Coulthard, Tyr Hen Forwyn, Hafodryny (Llanfrechfa Princess).

Reserve – WK & AE Hughes, Dunyfan Road, Three Crosses (Bryn Odyn Seren Haf).

The Welsh Pony & Cob Society Medal to the champion or reserve in accordance with the WPCS rules, and the 'Penllyn' Challenge Trophy for the Best Animal in section A classes

Winner – Mr R Donati & Miss B Booper, Groesfaen, Pontyclun (Ceulan Calon Lan).

Reserve – S & M Coulthard, Tyr Hen Forwyn, Hafodryny (Llanfrechfa Princess).

The Lyndon Evans Memorial Trophy for the Best Welsh Mountain Pony, three years old or younger

Winner – S Williams, Church Terrace, St Mary Church (Rhesfiar Me Julie).

Reserve – Ryan Wilson, Ruskin House, Miskin (Ceulan Caryn).

Welsh Ponies

CLASS 97: Welsh Pony Yearling

First – Ms S Easton, Curwen Terrace, Pontrhydyfen (Gigman Bucks Fizz).

Second – Carly Watkins, Hensol Road, Pontyclun (Butleigh Forget Me Not).

CLASS 98: Welsh Pony, two or three years old

First – Mrs J Hall c/o Rudy Mews, Caerphilly (Graishall Hall Lava).

CLASS 99: Welsh Pony, Mare or Gelding, four years old or over

First – LJ Evans, Sker Walk, Porthcawl (Smokeycott Glitterbug).

Second – Mr & Mrs P Thomas, Llanrumney, Cardiff (Brookhall Prince Charming).

Third – Mrs C Langford, Talygarn Drive, Talygarn (Yrenfys Petruska).

CLASS 100: Welsh Pony Foal

First – June Marsh, Woodland Road, Beddau, Mid Glam (Julia Keeping The Peace).

CLASS 101: Welsh Pony Stallion, four years old or over

First – C Tamplin c/o Rudy Mews, Caerphilly (Graishall Kiwi).

Second – Mr & Mrs P Thomas, Llanrumney, Cardiff (Reylem Anubis).

The Welsh Pony & Cob Society Medal to the champion or reserve in accordance with the WPCS and The Parkhouse Perpetual Challenge Cup for the best animal in section D classes

Winner – Mr T G Hughes, Ionos Stud, Llangan (Rhystyd Sian).

Second – Dean Davies, Carreg Bica Farm, Ebbw Vale (Cathael Victoria).

Third – N Edwards & G Williams, Church Terrace, St Mary Church (Danaway Solitaire).

The Welsh Pony & Cob Society Medal to the Champion or Reserve in accordance with the WPCS and The Parkhouse Perpetual Challenge Cup for the best animal in section A classes

First – C Tamplin c/o Rudy Mews, Caerphilly (Graishall Kiwi).

Second – Mr & Mrs P Thomas, Llanrumney, Cardiff (Reylem Anubis).

The Welsh Pony & Cob Society Medal to the champion or reserve in accordance with the WPCS Rules and the Thornberry Challenge Trophy for the best animal in the section B class

Winner – C Tamplin c/o Rudy Mews, Caerphilly (Graishall Kiwi).

Reserve – LJ Evans, Sker Walk, Porthcawl (Smokeycott Glitterbug).

Welsh Ponies Cob Type

CLASS 102: Mare or gelding, four years old or over

First – Mr & Mrs RJ Davies, Carreg Bica Farm, Ebbw Vale (Hywi Rhian).

CLASS 103: Foal

First – JK Walters, Mafeking Terrace, Tredegar (Pwllmelin Scarlet Ribbons).

CLASS 104: Yearling

First – Mrs G Anderson, James Court, St Mellons (Tyntyla Nightshade).

Second – L & S Palmer, Clampham Terrace, Blaenavon (Blaid Lauren).

Third – C Kerrigan, Waun Dafydd Farm, Bridgend (Waun Dafydd Sophie).

CLASS 105: Welsh Pony of Cob Type, two or three years old

First – JK Walters, Mafeking Terrace, Tredegar (Moortcroft Louiseiana).

Second – Sarah Edwards, Blackwell Close, Barry (Cefn New Look).

CLASS 106: Stallion, four years old or over

First – JK Walters, Mafeking Terrace, Tredegar (Nye Poppys Boy).

The Welsh Pony & Cob Society Medal to the champion or reserve in accordance with the WPCS rules and The Louis Fisher Perpetual Challenge Cup for the best animal in the section C classes

Winner – Mr & Mrs RJ Davies, Carreg Bica Farm, Ebbw Vale (Hywi Rhian).

Reserve – JK Walters, Mafeking Terr, Tredegar (Nye Poppys Boy).

Welsh Cobs

CLASS 107: Welsh Cob Yearling

First – MD & C Evans, Gwynfaes, Hermon, Cynwch Elfed (Gwynfaes Serein Wledig).

Second – O & R Bentley, Bedw, Gwynion, Caio, Llanwrda (Nantwood Gwawr).

Third – Mr G Williams, Valio Stud, Ebbw Vale (Valio Tamar).

CLASS 108: Welsh Cob, two or three years old

First – JK Walters, Mafeking Terrace, Tredegar (Tyr Llawn Vicountess).

Second – Mrs C Davies, Ysgubor Fawr, Ynysybwyl (Tir Y Gelli The Crusader).

Third – P Watts, Inkerman Terr, Tredegar (Morfran Isabelle).

CLASS 109: Welsh Cob, Mare or Gelding, four years old or over

First – Mr TG Hughes, Ionos Stud, Llangan (Rhystyd Sian).

Second – Dean Davies, Carreg Bica Farm, Ebbw Vale (Cathael Victoria).

Third – N Edwards & G Williams, Church Terrace, St Mary Church (Danaway Solitaire).

The Welsh Pony & Cob Society Medal to the Champion or Reserve in accordance with the WPCS and The Parkhouse Perpetual Challenge Cup for the best animal in section D classes

First – C Tamplin c/o Rudy Mews, Caerphilly (Graishall Kiwi).

Second – Mr & Mrs P Thomas, Llanrumney, Cardiff (Reylem Anubis).

The Welsh Pony & Cob Society Medal to the champion or reserve in accordance with the WPCS Rules and the Thornberry Challenge Trophy for the best animal in the section B class

Winner – C Tamplin c/o Rudy Mews, Caerphilly (Graishall Kiwi).

Reserve – LJ Evans, Sker Walk, Porthcawl (Smokeycott Glitterbug).

Welsh Ponies Cob Type

CLASS 102: Mare or gelding, four years old or over

First – Mr & Mrs RJ Davies, Carreg Bica Farm, Ebbw Vale (Hywi Rhian).

Hunt Scurry

First – Banwen Hunt

Second – Pentrych Hunt

Third – Llangeinor Hunt

Fourth – Glamorgan Hunt

The Calvert Harries Memorial Trophy for the Inter Hunt Scurry

Winner – Banwen Hunt

Sheep

CLASS 30: Ram

First – Arthur Davies, Maes Yr Onn, Mammoel, Blackwood.

Second – E Williams, Castell Llwyd Farm, Nelson, Mid Glam.

Third – Williams Partners, Pantycornt Farm, Blackmill, Bridgend.

CLASS 40: One Ewe

First – TR & J Harris, Redland Farm, Bonvilston.

Second – CV Thomas, Pencoed

Third – Ifan Lloyd, Glen Bryn, Lunnon, Gower, Swansea.

CLASS 31: Ram Lamb

First – Ann Graucott, Swffryd

Second – CV Thomas, Pencoed

Third – Ifan Lloyd, Glen Bryn, Lunnon, Gower, Swansea.

CLASS 32: One Ewe

First – Arthur Davies, Maes Yr Onn, Mammoel, Blackwood.

Second – Williams Partners,

Pantycornt Farm, Blackmill,

Bridgend.

CLASS 41: One Ewe Lamb

First – Christopher Cornock, Red

House Farm, St Brides, Wentloog.

CLASS 42: One Ewe

First – Arthur Davies, Maes Yr Onn, Mammoel, Blackwood.

Second – Williams Partners,

Pantycornt Farm, Blackmill,

Bridgend.

CLASS 43: One Ewe Lamb

First – Arthur Davies, Maes Yr Onn, Mammoel, Blackwood.

Second – Williams Partners,

Pantycornt Farm, Blackmill,

Bridgend.

CLASS 44: One Ewe

First – Arthur Davies, Maes Yr Onn, Mammoel, Blackwood.

Second – Williams Partners,

Pantycornt Farm, Blackmill,

Bridgend.

CLASS 45: One Ewe Lamb

First – Arthur Davies, Maes Yr Onn, Mammoel, Blackwood.

Second – Williams Partners,

Pantycornt Farm, Blackmill,

Bridgend.

CLASS 46: Ram

First – Arthur Davies, Maes Yr Onn, Mammoel, Blackwood.

Second – Williams Partners,

Pantycornt Farm, Blackmill,

Bridgend.

CLASS 47: Ram Lamb

First – Arthur Davies, Maes Yr Onn, Mammoel, Blackwood.

Second – Williams Partners,

Pantycornt Farm, Blackmill,

Bridgend.

CLASS 48: One Ewe

First – Arthur Davies, Maes Yr Onn, Mammoel, Blackwood.

Second – Williams Partners,

Pantycornt Farm, Blackmill,

Bridgend.

CLASS 49: One Ewe Lamb

First – Arthur Davies, Maes Yr Onn, Mammoel, Blackwood.

Second – Williams Partners,

Pantycornt Farm, Blackmill,

Bridgend.

CLASS 50: Ram

First – Arthur Davies, Maes Yr Onn, Mammoel, Blackwood.

Second – Williams Partners,

Pantycornt Farm, Blackmill,

Bridgend.

CLASS 51: Ram Lamb

First – Arthur Davies, Maes Yr Onn, Mammoel, Blackwood.

Second – Williams Partners,

Pantycornt Farm, Blackmill,

Bridgend.

CLASS 52: One Ewe

First – Arthur Davies, Maes Yr Onn, Mammoel, Blackwood.

Second – Williams Partners,

Pantycornt Farm, Blackmill,

Bridgend.

CLASS 53: Ram Lamb

First – Arthur Davies, Maes Yr Onn, Mammoel, Blackwood.

Second – Williams Partners,

Pantycornt Farm, Blackmill,

Bridgend.

CLASS 54: Ram

First – Arthur Davies, Maes Yr Onn, Mammoel, Blackwood.

Second – Williams Partners,

Pantycornt Farm, Blackmill,

Bridgend.

CLASS 55: Ram Lamb

First – Arthur Davies, Maes Yr Onn, Mammoel, Blackwood.

Second – Williams Partners,

Pantycornt Farm, Blackmill,

Bridgend.

CLASS 56: One Ewe

First – Arthur Davies, Maes Yr Onn, Mammoel, Blackwood.

Second – Williams Partners,

Pantycornt Farm, Blackmill,

Bridgend.

CLASS 57: One Ewe Lamb

First – Arthur Davies, Maes Yr Onn, Mammoel, Blackwood.

Second – Williams Partners,

Pantycornt Farm, Blackmill,

Bridgend.

CLASS 58: Best Ram Lamb (untrimmed). Not to be shown in any other class

First – Arthur Davies, Maes Yr Onn, Mammoel, Blackwood.

Second – Williams Partners,

Pantycornt Farm, Blackmill,

Bridgend.

CLASS 59: Group of three

Farm, Hafod Yr Ynys.

Second – Arthur Davies, Maes Yr Onn, Mammoel, Blackwood.

Third – E Williams, Castell Llwyd Farm, Nelson, Mid Glam.

CLASS 41: One Ewe Lamb

First – Arthur Davies, Maes Yr Onn, Mammoel, Blackwood.

Second – Williams Partners,

Pantycornt Farm, Blackmill,

Bridgend.

CLASS 42: One Ewe

First – Arthur Davies, Maes Yr Onn, Mammoel, Blackwood.

Second – Williams Partners,

Pantycornt Farm, Blackmill,

Bridgend.

CLASS 43: One Ewe Lamb

First – Arthur Davies, Maes Yr Onn, Mammoel, Blackwood.

Second – Williams Partners,

Pantycornt Farm, Blackmill,

Bridgend.

CLASS 44: One Ewe

First – Arthur Davies, Maes Yr Onn, Mammoel, Blackwood.

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Bridgend.

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Second – Williams Partners,

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Bridgend.

CLASS 47: One Ewe Lamb

First – Arthur Davies, Maes Yr Onn, Mammoel, Blackwood.

Second – Williams Partners,

Pantycornt Farm, Blackmill,

Bridgend.

CLASS 48: One Ewe Lamb

First – Arthur Davies, Maes Yr Onn, Mammoel, Blackwood.

Second – Williams Partners,

Pantycornt Farm, Blackmill,

# RURAL WELSH LIFE ENJOYS ITS DAY IN THE SUN AT VALE OF GLAMORGAN SHOW

THE general secretary of the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show, Nicola Gibson, this week thanked the dozens of volunteers who helped ensure that the event was such a great success.

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## List of prize winners for home produce, floral, crafts and children's competitions

### Section 1 – Preserves:

Jar marmalade, Mike Legrove; Jar strawberry jam, Jane Crowe; Lemon curd, Val Charles; Jar raspberry jam, Jane Crowe; Jar apricot jam, Rose Morgan; Jar of caramelised onion chutney, Rose Morgan; Bottle of french dressing, Charlotte Thomas.

### Section 2 – Cookery:

White loaf, Pam Lewis; Three cheese scones, Annabel John; Five cocktail corned beef pasties, Carrie Cox; Three Scotch eggs, Abigail Price; Savoury quiche, Abigail Evans; Boiled fruit cake, Mike Legrove; Five Viennese fingers, Lucy Morgan; Five Welsh cakes, P A Llewellyn; Victoria sponge, Val Charles; Apricot tray-bake, Jane Crowe; Lemon drizzle cake, P Vincent; Apple tart, Cath Thomas; Diamond Jubilee celebration cake, Sarah Davies; Five decorated cup cakes, Charlotte Thomas; Treacle tart, Katherine Grey; Five butterfly cakes (men

only), David Morgan.

### Section 3 – Flower arrangements:

An arrangement of all foliage, Mary Grey; Table centre, 'Diamond Jubilee tea', Mary Grey; A ladies' wedding corsage, Kay Gay; An exhibit 'The Olympics', Betty Thomas; Five flowers and foliage 'Elegance', Betty Thomas.

### Section 4 – Craft:

A cushion (any medium), Gillian Jenkins; A fabric door draught excluder, Kay Bowring; A cook's apron, Dawn Calloway; A hand knitted fashion garment, Eirian Roberts;

An item using recycled material, Linda Watkins; A set of

fashion jewellery, Kay Bowring;

A knee rug (to be donated to local

NHS residential home) Margaret

Edwards; A cover for a kitchen

appliance, Kay Bowring; An item

incorporating the alphabet (any

medium) Mrs K M Turner.

### Section 5 – Art:

Water colour, Una Tratman;

Oil/acrylic, Una Tratman;

Drawing, Brenda Dwek; Pastels, Una Tratman; Photograph 'country life' in colour, Pam Lewis; Photograph 'Reflections' (black and white) Venetia O'Conner.

### Section 6 – Children's classes:

**7-years and under:** Painting 'golden carriage' Mae Thomas; Pasta face on paper plate of the Queen, Lucy Owen; Five marzipan fruits, Lucy Owen.

**Age 8-11 years:** Design and Olympic medal, Grace Thomas; Three scones, Lewys Robins; A decorated plastic bottle, Keira Atyeo-Canter.

**Age 12-16 years:** Five Olympic decorated cup cakes, Isobel Smith; A handwritten invitation to a royal garden party, Lucy Morgan; A crown made from recycled material, Helen Thomas.

**Chairman Cup competition:** Sarah Davies.

# It was horses for courses at the Vale Show as equestrians of all ages were treated to delights

AS can be seen in these photographs by GEM photographer Glyn Evans, livestock, and in particular horses, were at the forefront of the Vale Show at Fonmon.

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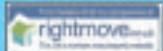


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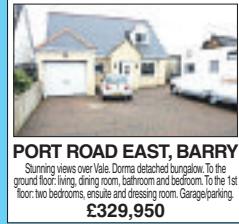
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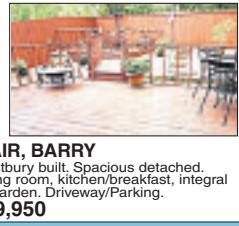
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# Inaugural Colin Hillman Invitational Sevens is a resounding success as 10 teams compete



The eventual winners of the Colin Hillman inaugural sevens, Samurai Sharks, celebrate with fellow finalists South Wales Police Hillman Select 7 after the final of the successful money-raising event.



Aled Roberts – it's chest in the pain, sorry, name of charity.

SEVERAL hundred people of all ages attended a sevens tournament in memory of Colin Hillman, a former Wales Sevens coach, Bridgend, Swansea and South Wales Police hooker, and who was still a WRU technical advisor to the Wales Sevens team.

The inaugural Colin Hillman Invitational Sevens took place at the South Wales Police Rugby Ground in Waterton Cross, Bridgend, with 10 teams competing.

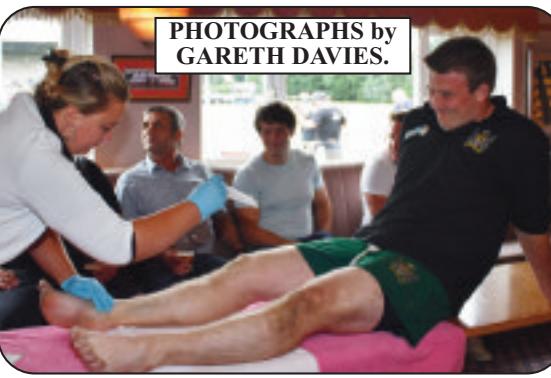
As well as playing for a number of Welsh clubs, Hillman also played for the Barbarians and Wales Sevens, as his name became heavily associated with the sevens game, both in a playing, coaching and managing role.

And the tournament, a brainchild of Colin's son Matthew and Keith Miles, was a huge success. All the teams who supported this event must be given a huge thank you.

Teams that took part included: Bridgend Sports RFC, two Bridgend Athletic teams, a Glaze Charity



Danyl Davies of the Colin Hillman select 7 looks for the gap against the eventual winners, the Samurai Sharks.



ABOVE: Simon Mustoe going through the pain barrier for charity, this time not on the playing field.

## Afternoon bridge lessons

**BRIDGEND**  
Bridge Club will be starting another course of bridge classes in the Nolton Church Hall for beginners on Thursday, September 27, at 2pm – each lesson lasting two hours.

John Evans, who will be running the course, said: "The lessons will be suitable for both complete beginners and also those who have played

some bridge and would like to improve their bidding and card play.

"The classes will be friendly and have a well-structured approach."

For more information, contact John on 01656 880372. Full details of the club's bridge activities can be seen on the website: [www.bridgewebs.com/bridgend](http://www.bridgewebs.com/bridgend).

## New club venue

BRIDGEND chess club now meet at the West House pub, West House, Bridgend, on a Tuesday at 7.30pm. They welcome players of all ages from complete beginners to more experienced players.

For more information visit: [www.bridgendchessclub.com](http://www.bridgendchessclub.com).

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Katherine Criger, supported by captain Marina Newth.

## Depleted Phoenix go down to Whitland

WITH a depleted side, Bridgend Phoenix played their first league game of the season, and players had to play out of position against an experienced Whitland side.

For the first 20 minutes, Phoenix weren't switched on and missed tackles to let Whitland run in tries and take control. After an improvement, it was still a struggle, and Whitland led 0-15 at the break.

Phoenix started the second half well, with good intent to score, but it wasn't to be.

The away side kept plugging away and scored by shipping the ball out to the very speedy girls on the wings.

The tackle count for Lowri Reeves, Leigh Francis, Kathryn Criger, Natalie O'Shea, Kathryn Stonehouse, Katie Murphy, Amie Stevens and captain Marina Newth must have been up in the hundreds to keep Whitland at bay all the time.

For new player Molly Humphries it was a tough encounter to enjoy. Phoenix never gave up and, with a few quick passes, a driven captain Newth was given a penalty try and Whitland had a player put in the sin



Beth Price hands off an opponent. (Photographs by Julie Hancock).

bin, but it was too late for Phoenix. All the girls who played, thanks for stepping in to positions out of their comfort zone.

Next up is away to Seven Sisters on September 9. The Pencoed Firsts are at home to Bryncoch on September 8.

Anyone wishing to join can contact the club on 01656 860152.

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## Kenfig Hill / Cornelly Youth lead the way

**Kenfig Hill/Cornelly Youth** were the pride of the club when they won the 34th annual Mark Clarke Sevens.

The squad played extremely well all day, defeating the highly-rated Glamorgan Wanderers, both in the group stage and the final.

To cap the day off, Cornelly's Evan Williams was named as player of the tournament.

There was some superb local talent on display all afternoon in the tournament, with several players surely destined for higher honours if they maintain their standards.

### Tournament results

#### GROUP 1:

Bridgend Athletic 12-7 Bryncethin.

Bridgend Sports 19-31 Tondu.

Bryncethin 12-7 Bridgend Sports.

Bridgend Athletic 7-31 Tondu.

Tondu 12-5 Bryncethin.

Bridgend Athletic 12-17 Bridgend Sports.

GROUP 2:

Cornelly/Kenfig Hill 36-

#### SEMI FINAL 1:

Tondu 17-24 Glamorgan Wanderers.

#### SEMI FINAL 2:

Cornelly/Kenfig Hill 47-0 Bridgend Sports.

#### FINAL:

Cornelly/Kenfig Hill 17-7 Glamorgan Wanderers.

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## Bridge Club latest results

**RECENT results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:**

Wednesday, August 29: First – Dave Barwood and John Beard; Second – Liam Sheridan and Wendy Williams; Third – David Bowen and David Crompton.

Friday August 31, North South: First – Deni Mottram and Bill Turner; Second – Linda Pinnock and Marjorie; Third – Liam Sheridan and Alan Williams. East West: First – Mary Moore and Di Jones; Second – Christine and John Evans; Third – Eileen Mahoney and Dennis Smith.

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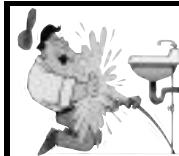
ular club nights on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7pm at Nolton Church Hall, there are lessons for beginners on Fridays at 7pm with Graham Jones. All are welcome. Contact one of Graham Jones (01446 775952), Steve Burgoine (01656 661968) or David Newman (01656 649138).

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## Family Notices

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Joan Margaret  
(nee Skuse)

On Friday, 31st August, 2012 at UHW, with her girls by her side, Joan sadly passed away after an illness borne with great dignity.

Dearly loved mum of Lesley and Deborah, trusted friend and mother-in-law of Howard and Richard, and cherished, loving nan of Matthew, Amy, Eve, Richard, Holly, Harriet and George.

She will be so greatly missed but forever remembered by all her family and friends, and is now at peace in the feathers of angels.

Resting at W.A. Brown and Son, Pembroke House, College Street, Llantwit Major until the funeral service at St Illtyd's Church, Llantwit Major on Wednesday, 12th September, 2012 at 12pm, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 1.15pm. Family flowers only please, but donations in lieu would be greatly welcomed for Target Ovarian Cancer, c/o the funeral directors.

O'SHEA  
Dennis Barry

Peacefully in his sleep on 3rd September at Barry Hospital, after a long illness - Dennis, well known for his time in the Merchant Navy, a popular Barry Island trader and past Master of Barry Masonic Lodge.

Devoted husband to Barbara, proud and loving father of Mark and Craig. A respected father-in-law of Sian and Natalie.

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# Sully Firsts and Seconds both open accounts with wins

THE hard pre-season training under head coach Grantley Harries paid dividends on the opening day of the season with victories for both the Firsts and Seconds, a feat not achieved for many years.

The pre-season warm-up games were used to put in practice the lessons and moves learnt on the training ground, and to try out new combinations of players, with several additions and changes to last season's group.

On August 10, the Sports made their annual appearance in the Southmead 10s Tournament in Bristol, this time entering two sides.

Both sides pulled out notable victories, and reached the semi-final stages – one in the main competition and the second in the plate. Overall, it was a long, hot, muscle-straining day, but enjoyable and very good for team work and bonding.

The following Saturday, the Sports entertained local rivals Dinas Powys, a division higher in the WRU, who in the corresponding pre-season friendly gave the Sports a 50-plus point hiding.

Not so this year, as the Sports played with style, and unusual discipline, to run out 24-17 winners.

The final warm-up saw the Sports entertain Fairwater, three divisions higher in the league, and played some of their best rugby for years, only to lose 31-17 – a score that flattered the visitors.

**CARDIFF SARACENS 21 SULLY SPORTS 22**

Newly-promoted to the WRU Sixth Division, Sully Sports shocked the Saracens by not being overawed by a side who have several WRU seasons of experience.

They took the game to the home side from the first whistle until the last,

## College get shorty with the Blues!



Lee Halfpenny, CAVC vice principal for curriculum delivery, Kay Martin, Sam Warburton and Lloyd Williams.

and were a little unlucky not to win by a more comfortable margin.

Three debutants made their mark in this opening competitive fixture: Jake Williams (centre), Sam Bowditch (hooker) and Peter Brown (lock) – Jake and Sam having first joined the club as under-8s a decade ago.

Playing into the strong wind, it was the Sports who drew first blood when a fine period of play between forwards and backs swept them upfield. Winger Dave Stillman went in at the corner flag for a try, superbly converted by outside-half Chris Cummins.

Although the Sarries were not able to gain a territorial advantage using the wind, they did use it to slot over three long-range penalties to take the lead.

Boyd on, they applied some pressure in the Sports' 22, forcing a turnover and pouncing for a corner try, well converted.

In the final 10 minutes of the half, the Sports regrouped and should have reduced the deficit when a break looked certain to lead to a try, but an excellent last ditch tackle killed the movement.

After the break, Cummins cut the deficit to three points by kicking two penalties, one from well in to his own half, but a lapse of concentration saw a poor clearance kick returned by the home side for an unconverted try.

Stung by this score, and facing an eight-point deficit, the Sports upped their game, backs and forwards driving and interlinking, to dominate the final quarter.

With only a minute to go, all this pressure had only resulted in two more Cummins penalties.

A final burst of powerful forward play cracked the home discipline and Cummins slotted his fifth penalty. The kick-off was caught by veteran Jason Evans, who was immense among an outstanding pack, and he coolly kicked the ball into touch to bring to an

Within a minute of this, they knocked on and the ball was swept up

end a pulsating match.

**SULLY SECONDS 32 LLANISHEN 12**

Despite fielding a side with three debutants (N Coulthard, L Fazloddin, N Taylor) and several players playing out of position, this was a most encouraging opening to the season for the Sports Seconds.

Up front they dominated, either pushing the visitors off their own scrum ball, or driving them back, making them play on the retreat. It was from a second against the head scrum, in the sixth minute, that winger Scott Williams was fed to open the scoring with a try.

The Sports then seemed to lose their concentration a bit, making unforced errors, and Llanishen came more into the game.

They were rewarded with a fine converted try, as a bout of good inter-passing set up a jinking run for a score by the fly-half.

The last quarter of the game suffered from poor play by both teams, as the strong wind, substitutions and tiredness played their part in upsetting the game's previous rhythm.

### Club notes

**TRAINING IS AT 6.30pm EVERY MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY AT THE SULLY SPORTS GROUND.**

Numbers so far have been good, but coach Harries would welcome anyone interested to join in – experienced or not.

The club are seeking to strengthen their coaching team, particularly in the forwards area, and invite anyone interested to contact them.

The club is also looking to increase their numbers in the mini/junior section, and parents/players can attend training on Sundays at 10am.

This Saturday, September 8, the First XV have no league fixture, but the Seconds entertain Rhiwbina Thirds at Sully (kick-off 2.30pm), in what could be a fascinating game following the Sports' last-minute win against Rhiwbina in the Ron Lucock Cup Final in May.

**MJ STAFFORD (Honorary treasurer)**

**CARDIFF and Vale College, Barry, has struck a partnership which will see their logo on the front of the Cardiff Blues team shorts for the 2012/2013 season.**

Speaking at the announcement of the sponsorship deal, vice principal for curriculum, Kay Martin said: "Cardiff and Vale College has a long and proud legacy of sporting achievement. We are extremely happy to be a sponsor of Cardiff Blues, and we are sure that through this sponsorship the college will gain a much wider audience across Wales and the region."

## BARRY RFC ROUND-UP

# SECONDS START UP WITH HEAVY DEFEAT

**BARRY Second XV opened their league campaign in the Cardiff and District Premier Division with the visit of reigning champions St Peter's.**

The home side's preparations for the game were severely hampered by numerous players drafted into the first team, late withdrawals, and three players who declared their availability but failed to turn up on the day.

As it was, coach Rhidian Scott and interim manager Ken Chow had to use all the ball for

cal nous to put together a side, calling up several Barrians into the starting XV.

Luke Hewitson made his second start at fly-half after impressing in the mid-week game against Cardiff and District XV, while Andrew Houlday and Jason Thomas occupied the front row, with fellow props Tony Heard and Nick Lundy moving into the second. Winger Luke Bounds was forced to play at flanker, and Nick Rolfe was named as captain for the season.

The game began in stop-start fashion, with neither side able to keep

period of time. Both sides were not helped by a swirling wind that made kicking difficult, although Hewitson did use his boot manfully against the gale.

St Peters exploited Barry's weaknesses to the full as they benefited from their dominance of the set piece to score three quick tries, seemingly putting themselves out of sight before half-time.

The Barry backs, though, performed manfully despite the lack of possession, and from a scrappy period of play Ben Taylor hacked through to score his first try for over a year.

Hewitson's conversion attempt was unsuccessful.

With Barry seemingly back in the game, the home side upped their ante. Bounds, Case and Lee Jones were solid in defence, while Lundy, Heard and Gooderham gave the side the go-forward required in the attempt to reduce the deficit further.

Unfortunately, it was yet another missed throw from a line-out which led to the next score for the away side, and at half-time the score was 5-24.

Any chance of a stunning second half comeback was sniffed out early on as some weak tackling gifted the away side another try.

Tries came and went but Barry, to their credit, never gave up. Every man tried their hardest in all areas of the field, and they were rewarded with a late consolation try for Joel Williams, who scored under the posts after a quick-tap penalty. Adam Lee failed to add the extras.

Despite the defeat, with several key players returning to the fold, surely there are better times ahead.

**Team: Mike Hamonda, Mathew O'Sullivan, Brad White, Jordan Flynn, Tom Adams, Jack Legg, Rhidian Mepham, Morgan Howells-Davies, Campbell Prosser, Rhys Burnett, Sion Vidal (c), Nathan Harris, John Miles, Jake Goodfellow, Jake Adams, Stefan Kaddach, Mitchell Scott, Blake Wall, André Williamson, Lucas Davies.**

**MM Man-of-the-match: Williams. KC**

## Youth lose to Llandaff

**WITH friendly matches out of the way, Barry travelled to Llandaff for the first league fixture of the season.**

Llandaff's large pack soon took control at scrumage and it was another lesson for Barry in getting the ball away under pressure. With captain O'Sullivan drafted into the first team to cover for injuries, lineout options were reduced and Llandaff's tall front jumpers spoiled and disrupted throughout the game.

Barry were much improved in the loose and acting captain Ben Taylor rallied his troops and contested well against heavier opposition, and gained his fair share of the ball.

Once again, a re-shuffled back line had to gel quickly, and they did so splendidly with improved tactical positioning. Given the ball, Brad White would make arching runs through and around opposition only to be caught with last ditch defensive tackles.

This pressure, however, did not turn into points.

At full back, Mike Hamonda also did well in attack and praise from the opposition secretary was testament to that.

Picking up loose ball, he used his pace to scythe through defences, but final passes and lack of support let the final phase go.

Llandaff's fullback (man of the match) must have had a ball magnet on his head for every clearance/attacking kick seemed to drift his way, and from one of these he turned Barry's attack into counter-attack and scored. Another successful attack instigated by the full back left Barry trailing 12-0 at half-time.

Barry went off the boil 10 minutes into the second half, allowing the opposition the upper hand. The ball was spun wide, and loose tackling saw Llandaff's back line take two further scores.

Barry attacked through eight phases and between backs and forwards, made 40 yards, only for a close-range certain try to be lost through a pop pass fumble.

Barry did get on the scoreboard minutes later when forwards drove

blind and popped a pass to substitute centre Andre Williamson to go over for an un-converted try.

Although they attacked well, Barry scored no further points and Llandaff held on to their deserved 24-5 lead.

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**BOXER LEE COMES HOME**



**THURSDAY, August 30 saw a first in the history of the Barry**

**East End boxing gym at the Windsor Hotel when local Barry**

**fighter Lee Selby, the current British and Commonwealth featherweight champion, came to do a public sparing session with stable mate Gary**

**Buckland, who is also a British champion in the super featherweight division.**

**They trained with**

**trainers Tony Borg and**

**Billy Reynolds of St**

**sign autographs for the young and old fans in attendance.**

**Both fighters are in training for upcoming fights, with Lee's being on September 22 in Belfast against the very experienced and durable Martin Lindsay, which will be live on Sky television.**

**Mathew Lock**

## Players wanted

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## Petanque champions

**WELL DONE to Tony Smith, Brian Dreyer and Derek Jones (from the Monkstone Pétanque Club, Roath, and The Barn Pétanque Club, Llantrisant), on winning the 34th**

**Wenvoe Welsh Open Triples on Sunday, August 26.**

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**With the weather holding fine all day, a hard-fought final to the main competition saw Tony, Brian and Derek defeating one of the Wenvoe home teams, comprising Tony Sculption, Dave Cannan**

**and Mike Jacques, by 13-11.**

**The plate competition was won by another home team from Wenvoe, comprising Gloria Davies, Caroline Bevan and Neil Gee, who managed to gain three more points than the runners-up Graham Attfield, Brian Minto and Allison Minto from the Barn Petanque Club.**

**A big thank you to all 14 teams who took**

**part, and to Chris Teague and his staff at The Wenvoe Arms who did a fantastic job of making the pétanque players welcome.**

**JS**

# Porthcawl open their season with a bit of a bang!



David James. Photos by TRACEY WILLIAMS

**P O R T H C A W L** RFC got the new season under way with a convincing win against Rhondda visitors Ferndale.

The opening exchanges were short on quality rugby as both sides sought to find some kind of pattern and mistakes were plentiful.

The Seaweeds suffered an early blow when great prospect at No8, Tristan Trehan, left the field with a bad facial cut, off to hospital for repairs.

They took the lead, however, when a decent bout of handling by the home backs gave left winger Dai James a stroll up the corner for a good try.

Ferndale pulled back a penalty by Steve Jones before skipper Matthew Owen slotted a penalty for offside to give Porthcawl an 8-3 lead.

With half-time approaching, Jones slotted his second penalty for a Porthcawl infringement at 8-6 and, at the break, the slender lead was poor reward for the home efforts.

However, player-coach Mathew Roberts' half-time pep talk seemed to do the trick with Porthcawl starting to take a grip on proceedings. Richard Hnyda, Nick Nutman and Lloyd Long posed problems for

**PORTHCAWL RFC** 31  
**FERNDALE RFC** 13



Richard Hnyda with the ball.

Ferndale upfront with some storming runs, and the visitors fell foul of the whistle at crucial moments. Owen happily slotted two further penalties in quick succession for a 14-6 lead.

A startling run by right wing Rhys Jones saw him blemish the Ferndale defence, as he notched up a super try for 19-6.

Centre Gareth Richards then profited from some outstanding interplay between forwards and backs to stride clear for a great try that Owen improved for 26-6, before some slack home

Porthcawl's young pack did well and Jamie Fry and Gavin Williams were tremendous workers in the tight, while Gareth Edwards' crisp service at scrum-half ensured a high tempo.

Porthcawl travel to old foes Rhigos on Saturday.

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## Great finals weekend at the Rhoose Bowling Club

**ON Saturday, September 1, Rhoose Bowling Club held its Club Competitions Finals Day.**

The day began with the men's four bowl competition. This was between father and son Les Parsons Jr and Darren Parsons. On this occasion, Darren was completely outplayed by his father, who won by 21 shots to four.

At the same time, the ladies' two bowl singles between Jo Hopkins and Rita Craig was being played. Rita built up an early lead but Jo cut back the deficit.

By the ninth end, Rita only led by eight shots to six. However, she further increased this lead to eventually win by 14 shots to eight.

The next final was the mixed pairs. Sue Dance and Hugh Jupp faced Mike White and Rita Craig. Sue and Hugh built up a convincing lead by winning the first seven ends.

On the next end, Rita and Mike finally secured one shot to get on the scoreboard.

Unfazed, Sue and Hugh continued to add to their score and despite Rita and Mike

This proved to be the closest and most exciting match of the day.

After being level on the eighth end, each player took it in turns to secure the lead. On the 16th end Mike led by 12 shots to nine, only for Geoff to level the score on the 18th and final end. An extra end was duly played, with Mike securing one shot to win.

On Sunday September 2, the final match was played. This was the ladies' pairs between Rita Craig and Mary Thomas, and Sue Dance and Anita Shears.

From the start, Mary and Rita built up a steady lead, and led by 19 shots to eight on the 12th end. Despite Sue and Anita scoring another seven shots, they still lost by 21 shots to 15.

On the Saturday after the final match, members enjoyed a barbecue provided by club president Bert Ewers and Ron Evans.

scoring eight more shots, ran out winners by 19 shots to 9.

After a short break, Hugh was in action again with his partner Les Parsons Jr in the men's pairs. Their opponents were Brian Shears and Lyn Willmot.

After the first 10 ends

the score was level at nine shots each. From this point, Les and Hugh took control of the match, eventually winning by 34 shots to 12.

In the ladies' four bowl singles, Sue Dance and Rita Craig were again in action. Sue built up a slim lead, but by the sixth end Rita had levelled the score.

On the 12th end, Rita led by nine shots to eight. However, Sue only managed to win two of the next six ends, allowing Rita to win by 21 shots to 12.

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Its six speed manual gearbox is a pleasure to use, but the vehicle feels as if it is a 1.6 rather than a plucky 2-litre – I've had to check the spec three times to be certain.

Renault has done away with the traditional handbrake – replacing it with a switch, in common with many other manufacturers.

That's all very well, but hill starts always bother me in these cars as faffing about with the handbrake switch is not as quick as a standard handbrake and I always get confused whether I should push it down or pull it up – although I shouldn't as it is very simple. What does this say about me?

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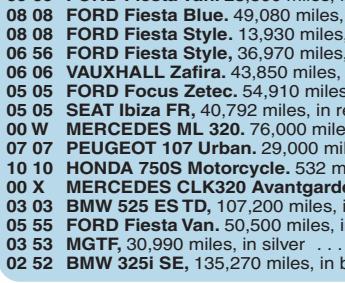
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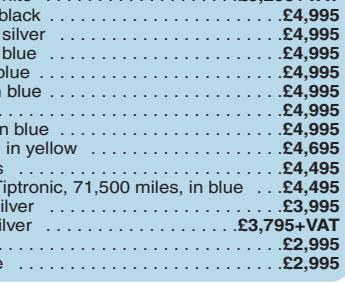
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# GEM sport

Positives and negatives in performance

## Bridgend Athletic in narrow opening loss against rivals

**BRIDGEND ATHLETIC** entertained old Division 1 West rivals Bonyaen in their inaugural game in the new Championship Division.

As expected, the game was very close, with the Athletic succumbing to a disappointing 28-29 loss – giving them a losing bonus point.

Bonyaen had first use of a strong wind, but it was the Athletic who set the early pace. After five minutes, outside half Steven Lewis bagged the first points of the season with a 25-metre penalty.

The Athletic continued to take the game to their west Wales rivals, and from turnover ball on half-way, scrum half Aled Thomas fed centre Michael Hathaway, whose quick hands released full back Rhys Jones on a touchline run into the Bonyaen 22.

A well-timed inside pass to supporting



Dan Apsee charges in to the contact.  
Photos courtesy of GLEN/NSPORTS.

flanker Stuart Nation saw the converted hooker race in under the posts. Lewis converted.

Bonyaen struck back with outside half Ian Brooks using the wind to land a very good penalty from half-way.

The Athletic forwards were dominant, with new prop Liam Griffin, a Llanwit Major product, locks Griff Davies and

Jonathon Stoker and flanker Nation standing out.

An excellent move saw the ball travel from one wing to another before debutant wing Kyle Dobbins was halted meters from the line.

Dan Apsee and Jonathon Stoker made initial surges at the try line, before the ball was moved back along the three quarters where debutant centre Dominique Busitelle fed Rhys Jones.

In a one-on-one situation, he showed guile and strength to sneak over in the corner to extend the Athletic lead to 15-3.

The Ath made a complete hash of the restart, resulting in a penalty being awarded inside their 22. They switched off as Bonyaen unexpectedly took a quick tap penalty, resulting in a corner try for wing Ryan Bayliss.

The Ath hit back, and with Bonyaen persistently infringing at the breakdown, they were awarded two penalties – both kicked by Steven Lewis. The second also saw the Bonyaen lock despatched to the sin bin.

The Athletic went in at half-time with what looked like a match-winning 21-8 lead, a man advantage for 10 minutes after the restart, and wind advantage.

The lead could have been more, but twice tries were thwarted by forward passes with players clean through.

However, Bonyaen had other ideas. They came out fired up for the second half and kept possession with surging drives by both forwards

and backs. They were rewarded when scrum half Tom Bevan dived over from a series of thrusts at the Athletic line. Brooks converted to reduce the deficit to 21-15.

Bonyaen picked up another yellow card for over-vigorous use of the boot at a ruck. They were able to cope with these set backs denying the Athletic the ball.

However, when Athletic captain Simon Mustoe suffered the same fate for hands in the ruck the Athletic resistance wilted.

First, David Joseph went over for a converted try to put them ahead at 22-21 for the first time in the game, and two minutes later David Leonard scored another bonus point converted try, extending the lead to 29-21.

Mustoe returned, and for the first time in the half the Athletic got back into the game.

With three minutes to go, wing Kyle Dobbins, signed from Llanwit Fardre, intercepted from a break out of defence and raced under the posts from 40 metres out. Lewis reduced the deficit to a single point.

With the last move of the game, Lewis attempted a 35-metre drop goal. He saw his effort, and the Athletic hopes, sail wide by a few meters.

Director of coaching Paul Yardlett was extremely frustrated by the poor second half performance. Tactics, running from deep, and kicking allied to a number of turnovers, and failure to secure enough possession turned a potential comfortable victory into defeat.

Positives were the contributions of the new players, including man of the match Liam Griffin, who as well as scrummaging well, was influential in the tight and had a very high tackle count.

New coaches Stuart Morris and Paul Jones, along with David Williams and head coach John Apsee, will use the training sessions this week to strengthen the contact area.

It is now onto Whitland this Saturday when the coaches will be hoping for an 80-minute display in line with the first 40 minutes of this game. **Adrian Burt**

## Bridgend Town under-16s triumph in their Cup final



ABOVE: Bridgend Town under-16s show off their trophies following their victory.

**BRIDGEND TOWN**, winners of the Davies (stumped two) impressed with the ball. South Wales under-16s Zone D League, competed against Llandeilo, the winners of Zone A, in the final of the South Wales Bill Edwards Cup at Pontarddulais on Wednesday, August 22.

Winning the toss, Bridgend decided Llandeilo should bat first in a 20-over contest.

Bridgend bowled and fielded to restrict Llandeilo to 41 runs all out in the 15th over, and Dafydd Jones (11 runs) and Wyn Smith (10) were the only batsmen to make any impression against the accurate Bridgend attack.

For Bridgend, Archie Yates (1-4), Daniel Donnelly (1-0), Thomas Dalton (1-13), John Roberts (2-2) and Elliot Rees (3-3, a hat trick) with Owen

flame (stumped two) impressed with the ball.

The Bridgend opening partnership slumped to 13 for 2. Tom Hill scored six runs, before Owen Davies (20 not out) and Troy Smith (14 not out) guided their side to victory in the 10th over. It was a comfortable victory by eight wickets.

The umpires, Alan Rees and Barrie Harvey, commented on the performances of John Roberts, Archie Yates, Daniel Donnelly, Owen Davies and Troy Smith, and named Elliot Rees as 'player of the final' for his bowling performance.

Congratulations to Chris Roberts (manager) and Nigel Clayton (coach) for winning the League Cup and the South Wales Bill Edwards Cup, with thanks to the supporters.

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## Kenfig Hill RFC show they are up to a new challenge

**AMMANFORD** opened the scoring in this first league clash through their pacey left winger Gary Stephens, but Kenfig Hill responded with a penalty by outside half Nicky Giles.

The Ammanford outside half slotted over a penalty, before Mules centre Rhodri Clark then powered over for a try, which was converted by Giles.

Ammanford took advantage of some missed tackles to score twice, once through full back Dylan Morgan and another by Morris. Kenfig Hill then raised their game and pressed hard before the interval, and only some strong tackling and bad luck with the bounce of the ball kept them out.

**Half time score: Kenfig Hill 10, Ammanford 18.**

The visitors added to their score after the interval with a penalty by Morris and a try by substitute Craig Woodall, converted by Morris.

Nicky Giles then showed his class when he ghosted through the Ammanford defence to score close to the posts. Kenfig Hill then ran the ball from close to their own line and second row Ben Jones sprinted after a kick ahead to score.

With Kenfig Hill pressing hard to take the lead, Ammanford second row Ryan Williams took a Kenfig throw in the lineout and went through the gap to score.

Kenfig Hill then put the visitors under the cosh for the remainder of the game, but were unlucky not to score on two occasions.

Steve Gilard had an outstanding game for Kenfig Hill and was named as man of the match.

Kenfig Hill showed that they are capable of playing at this level, and only their indiscipline cost them the game.

Next week's game is Waunarlwydd away. **Ammanford Quins Seconds 19, Kenfig Hill Seconds 33**  
A GOOD game of rugby saw the clinical finishing of the Mules the only difference

between the two teams.

The Mules turned up at Aberavon with only 16 players, including one prop, so they were grateful for the Quins allowing the game to go ahead with passive scrums.

The home side put the Mules under pressure from the outset, but an 80-yard interception try from centre Chris Jenkins, converted by outside half Lloyd Giles, put the Mules into an unexpected seven-point lead.

The Quins hit back immediately to score a fine individual try by their outside half to bring the difference back to two points.

From there on in the game was very much a nip and tuck affair until the final 10 minutes when the Mules crossed for two fine tries – one from classy No8 Dan Jones, and the other from full back Owen Attwood, who was making a welcome return to the Mules after a season with Cefn Cribwr.

There were stand out performances for the Mules all over the pitch, especially from makeshift centre Matthew Legge, but it was Jones who gained the plaudits as man of the match as he continually crossed the gain line for the Mules.

**Kenfig Hill/Cornelly Youth v Llantrisant Youth**  
THIS game was the first round of the Welsh Youth Cup, and the youth followed up their triumph in the Mark Clarke Sevens with a sparkling display against the visitors.

The final score was:- Kenfig Hill/Cornelly 38, Llantrisant 0.

**Kenfig Hill scorers:** Aaron Graham (two tries); Mike Kennedy (try); Lloyd Bradley (try, four conversions); Curtis Kerton (try); Dan Heatley (try).

Evan Williams, who was named as player of the tournament in the Mark Clarke Sevens, gave another man of the match display.

**Gerald O'Sullivan**



Michael Hathaway leaves an opponent on the floor, with Matthew Hillman and Aled Thomas looking on.

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